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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a method of reducing phytotoxicity to crops (especially maize) caused by a herbicidal benzoylisoxazole and/or dione derivative of formula (I) or an agriculturally acceptable salt or metal complex thereof; which method comprises applying to the locus of the crop an antidotally effective amount of an antidote compound, optionally with a partner herbicide.

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New Herbicidal Compositions

Background of the Invention

The present invention relates to the safening of herbicidal compounds, in particular the safening of benzoylisoxazole and/or dione derivatives which are useful for the growing of crops in particular for maize (*Zea mays*) and to compositions useful for such treatment.

Discussion of Related Art

10 An important factor influencing the usefulness of a given herbicide is its selectivity toward crops. In some cases, a beneficial crop is susceptible to the effects of a herbicide when applied at application rates needed to control weed growth. In addition, certain herbicidal compounds are phytotoxic to some weed species but not to others. This may render such herbicides unsuitable for controlling weeds in the presence of certain crops. To be effective, a herbicide must cause minimal damage (preferably no damage) to the beneficial crop while maximising the damage to weed species which infest the locus of the crop. Reduction in herbicidal injury to crops without an unacceptable reduction in the herbicidal action can be accomplished by the use of crop protectants known as "antidotes" or "safeners".

15 Identification of an antidote which safens a herbicide in crops is a complicated task. The precise mechanism by which an antidote reduces herbicidal crop injury has not been established. In general, the safening effect of a compound is specific to the herbicidal partner and the crop where the active ingredients are applied. Benzoylisoxazoles are known to possess herbicidal properties for example,

25 European Patent Publication Nos. 0418175, 0487357, 0527036 and 0560482. European Patent Publication Nos. 0496630, 0496631, 0625505 and 0625508 disclose certain dione derivatives possessing herbicidal properties. In general such herbicides are very active against broad-leaved and grass weeds by pre- and/or post-emergence application. The method of controlling vegetation with these

30 compounds comprises applying a herbicidally effective amount of the compounds, usually with an inert carrier or diluent, to the area where herbicidal control is desired. However, the herbicidal benzoylisoxazole and/or dione compounds have been found in some instances to adversely affect or interfere with the development of crop plants, especially maize crops. The effective use of these herbicides for

35 controlling weeds in the presence of such crops may be enhanced by, or may

require in certain instances, the addition of a compound which is antidotally effective with the herbicide.

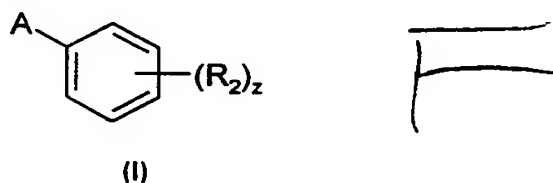
Although it is possible to say in general terms that herbicides may be used in the presence of an antidote, the problem in identifying specific antidotes for specific crops at appropriate rates to control weed growth, is substantial.

The applicants have found that certain compounds, in particular when applied as described hereinafter, are effective antidotes for the protection of crops, especially maize crops, from herbicidal injury or the reduction of herbicidal injury caused by the application of an amount of a benzoylisoxazole and/or dione compound (optionally in admixture with a partner herbicide) effective to control the growth of weeds.

It is an object of the present invention to provide compositions of benzoylisoxazoles and/or dione herbicides in combination with antidotes, said compositions providing a reduction in crop injury, especially to maize (*Zea mays*), arising from the phytotoxicity of the herbicides, and a method of using said herbicides and antidotes.

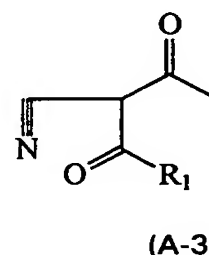
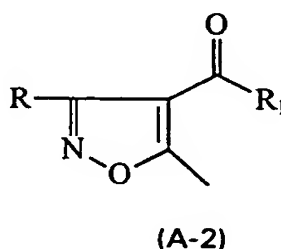
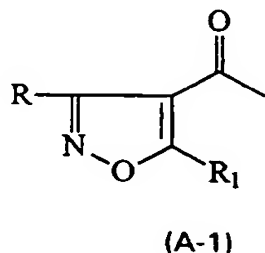
Description of the Invention

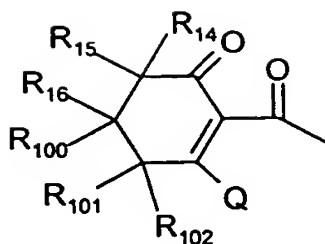
The present invention provides a method of reducing phytotoxicity to a crop (especially maize) at a locus caused by the application thereto of a herbicidal benzoylisoxazole and/or dione derivative of formula (I):



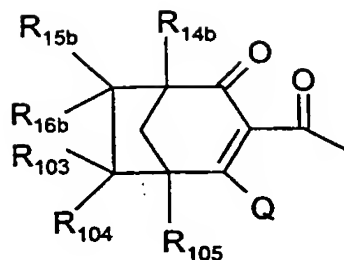
wherein:

A is a group (A-1) to (A-7):

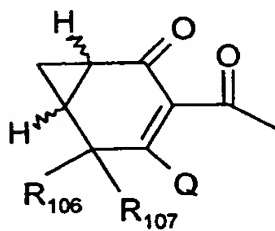




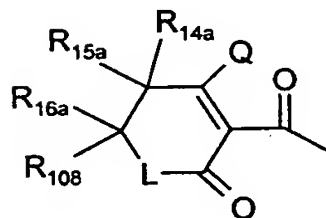
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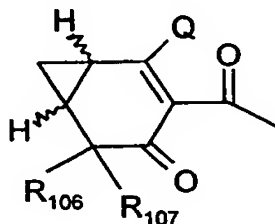


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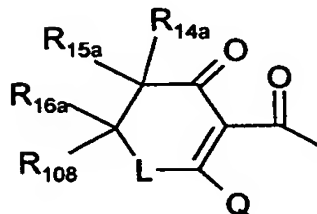


(A-7)

5 or a corresponding formula (A-6a) or (A-7a):



(A-6a)



(A-7a)

in which the position of the carbonyl group and the group Q are reversed and the double bond in the ring is attached to the carbon atom attached to the group Q;

- 10 R is a hydrogen atom or a halogen atom; a straight- or branched chain alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl group containing from one to six carbon atoms which is optionally substituted by one or more halogen atoms; a cycloalkyl group containing from 3 to 6 carbon atoms optionally substituted by one or more groups R^5 , one or more halogen atoms or a group $-CO_2R^3$; or a group selected from $-CO_2R^3$, $-COR^5$,
 15 cyano, nitro, $-CONR^3R^4$ and $-S(O)_kR^{13}$;

R^1 is a straight- or branched-chain alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl group containing up to six carbon atoms which is optionally substituted by one or more halogen atoms; or a cycloalkyl group containing from three to six carbon atoms optionally substituted by one or more groups R^5 or one or more halogen atoms;

R^2 is a halogen atom; a straight- or branched-chain alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl group containing up to six carbon atoms which is optionally substituted by one or more halogen atoms; a straight- or branched-chain alkyl group containing up to six carbon atoms which is substituted by one or more groups $-OR^5$; or a group
 5 selected from nitro, cyano, $-CO_2R^5$, $-S(O)_pR^6$, $-O(CH_2)_mOR^5$, $-COR^5$, $-NR^{11}R^{12}$, $-N(R^8)SO_2R^7$, $-N(R^8)CO_2R^7$, $-OR^5$, $-OSO_2R^7$, $-SO_2NR^3R^4$, $-CONR^3R^4$, $-CSNR^3R^4$, $-(CR^9R^{10})_Y-S(O)_qR^7$ and $-SF_5$;

or two groups R^2 , on adjacent carbon atoms of the phenyl ring may, together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached, form a 5 to 7 membered saturated
 10 or unsaturated heterocyclic ring containing up to three ring heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur, which ring is optionally substituted by one or more groups selected from halogen, nitro, $-S(O)_pR^{13}$, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy, C_{1-4} haloalkyl, C_{1-4} haloalkoxy, $=O$ (or a 5- or 6- membered cyclic acetal thereof), and $=NO-R^3$, it being understood that a sulphur atom, where present in the ring,
 15 may be in the form of a group $-SO-$ or $-SO_2-$;

z is an integer from one to five: when z is greater than one the groups R^2 may be the same or different;

R^3 , R^4 and R^{109} are each independently a hydrogen atom, or a straight- or branched chain alkyl group containing up to six carbon atoms which is optionally
 20 substituted by one or more halogen atoms;

R^5 and R^{110} are each independently a straight- or branched-chain alkyl group containing up to six carbon atoms which is optionally substituted by one or more halogen atoms or a straight- or branched-chain alkenyl or alkynyl group containing from two to six (preferably from three to six) carbon atoms which is optionally
 25 substituted by one or more halogen atoms;

R^6 and R^7 , which may be the same or different, are each R^5 ; or phenyl optionally substituted by from one to five groups which may be the same or different selected from a halogen atom, a straight- or branched-chain alkyl group containing up to six carbon atoms which is optionally substituted by one or more halogen
 30 atoms, nitro, cyano, $-CO_2R^5$, $-S(O)_pR^{13}$, $-NR^{11}NR^{12}$, $-OR^5$ and $-CONR^3R^4$;
 R^8 , R^9 and R^{10} are each a hydrogen atom or R^6 ;

R^{11} and R^{12} are each a hydrogen atom or R^5 ;

R^{13} and R^{111} are each a straight- or branched-chain alkyl group containing up to six carbon atoms which is optionally substituted by one or more halogen atoms;

Q is hydroxy, C1-6 alkoxy, OR^{112} , SR^{112} or SR^{111} ;

5 L is oxygen or NR^{109} ;

R^{14} , R^{14a} , R^{14b} , R^{15} , R^{15a} , R^{15b} , R^{16} , R^{16a} , R^{16b} , R^{100} , R^{101} , R^{102} , R^{103} , R^{104} , R^{105} , R^{106} , R^{107} and R^{108} are each the same or different groups

selected from hydrogen, R^{110} , $-(CH_2)_uCO_2R^{109}$, halogen, cyano, C1-6 alkoxy,

$-(CH_2)_x$ -[phenyl optionally substituted by from one to five groups R^{113} which may

10 be the same or different], and cycloalkyl containing from three to six carbon atoms optionally substituted by C1-6 alkyl or $-S(O)_pR^{111}$;

R^{112} is phenyl optionally substituted by from one to five groups selected from halogen, C1-6 alkyl, C1-6 haloalkyl, C1-6 alkoxy and nitro;

R^{113} is a group selected from halogen, R^{114} , nitro, cyano, $-CO_2R^{115}$,

15 $-S(O)_pR^{111}$, $-OR^{111}$ and $-NR^{115}R^{116}$;

R^{114} is a straight- or branched- chain alkyl group containing one to three carbon atoms optionally substituted by one or more halogen atoms;

R^{115} and R^{116} which may be the same or different, are each a hydrogen atom or R^{110} ;

20 p, q and u are each independently zero, one or two;

k and m are each one, two or three;

x is zero or one;

y is an integer from one to four; when y is greater than one, the groups R^9 and R^{10} may be the same or different;

25 or an agriculturally acceptable salt or metal complex thereof; which method comprises applying to the locus of the crop, preferably before the herbicidal compound, an antidotally effective amount of an antidote compound, and optional partner herbicide.

It will be understood that the said antidote is, in general, antidotally effective for 30 said benzoylisoxazole and/or dione derivative.

It will be understood that antidotes used in the method of the invention may form for example salts, and that the use of such salts is also embraced by the invention.

In this patent specification including the accompanying claims it is understood that the term 'agriculturally acceptable salts' is meant salts the cations or anions of which are known and accepted in the art for the formation of salts for agricultural or horticultural use. Preferably the salts are water-soluble. Suitable salts with
5 bases include alkali metal (e.g. sodium and potassium), alkaline earth metal (e.g. calcium and magnesium), ammonium and amine (e.g. diethanolamine, triethanolamine, octylamine, morpholine and dioctylmethylamine) salts. Suitable acid addition salts, e.g. formed by compounds of formula (I) containing an amino group, include salts with inorganic acids, for example hydrochlorides, sulphates,
10 phosphates and nitrates and salts with organic acids for example acetic acid. It will be understood that the term 'dione' as used in this specification including the accompanying claims does not exclude the possible presence of additional C=O groups as in triones.

By the term "metal complexes" is meant compounds in which one or both of
15 the oxygen atoms of the 1,3-dione of formula (A-3), (A-4), (A-5), (A-6), (A-7), (A-6a) or (A-7a) act as chelating agents to a metal cation. Examples of such cations include zinc, manganese, cupric, cuprous, ferric, ferrous, titanium and aluminium.

20 Compounds of formula (I) may exist in enolic tautomeric forms that may give rise to geometric isomers around the enolic double bond. Furthermore in certain cases the above substituents may contribute to optical isomerism and/or stereoisomerism. All such forms and mixtures thereof are embraced by the present invention.

25 It is to be understood that in this specification compounds comprising a cyclohexane ring corresponding to formula (A-6) or (A-7) or a precursor thereof include the compounds with the corresponding formula (A-6a) or (A-7a) or precursors thereof.

In the definitions of symbols in this specification including the accompanying
30 claims unless otherwise specified the following definitions generally apply to the radicals in the formulae (I), (Ia) and (Ib) below:-

'halogen' means a fluorine, chlorine, bromine or iodine atom; and
alkyl groups and moieties are straight or branched chain and contain from 1 to 6 carbon atoms.

Preferably A is a group of formula (A-1), (A-2), (A-3) or (A-4) (compounds of formula (A-1) are most preferred).

The benzoyl ring of the compounds of formula (I) is preferably 2,4-disubstituted, 2,3-disubstituted or 2,3,4-trisubstituted.

- 5 Preferably in formulae (A-4) to (A-7), the groups R^{14} , R^{15} , R^{16} , R^{100} , R^{101} , R^{102} , R^{14a} , R^{15a} , R^{16a} , R^{103} , R^{14b} , R^{15b} , R^{16b} , R^{104} , R^{105} and R^{108} are each hydrogen or lower alkyl (preferably hydrogen, methyl or ethyl); L (in A-7a) is NH; and Q is hydroxy or -S-phenyl.

- Compounds of formula (I) in which A is (A-1), (A-2) or (A-3); R is hydrogen or
10 $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$ (in A-1 or A-2) wherein R^3 is a straight- or branched chain alkyl group containing up to three carbon atoms; and R^1 is cyclopropyl are preferred.

A further preferred class of compounds of formula (I) wherein A is (A-1) are those wherein:

R is hydrogen or $-\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$;

- 15 R^1 is cyclopropyl;
and two groups R^2 , on adjacent carbon atoms of the phenyl ring may, together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached, combine to form a 5 or 6 membered saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic ring which is fused to the 2,3 or 3,4 positions of the benzoyl ring; wherein the heterocyclic ring contains two hetero
20 atoms selected from sulphur and oxygen which are attached to the 2 and 3, or 3 and 4 positions of the benzoyl ring; and in which the 4-substituent of the benzoyl ring is halogen or $\text{S}(\text{O})_p\text{Me}$, or the 2-substituent of the benzoyl ring is methyl, $\text{S}(\text{O})_p\text{Me}$ or $-\text{CH}_2\text{S}(\text{O})_q\text{Me}$ respectively; and optionally the heterocyclic ring may be substituted by one or more halogen atoms.

- 25 A further preferred class of compounds of formula (I) are those wherein A is (A-1); R is hydrogen or $-\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$; R^1 is cyclopropyl; R^2 is a halogen atom or a group selected from $-\text{CF}_3$, Me, Et, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_p\text{Me}$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{S}(\text{O})_q\text{Me}$ and optionally halogenated methoxy or ethoxy; and z is two or three.

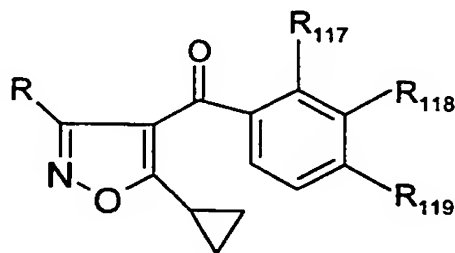
- A further preferred class of compounds of formula (I) wherein A is (A-4) are those
30 wherein:

R^{14} , R^{15} , R^{16} , R^{100} , R^{101} and R^{102} are each hydrogen;

and two groups R^2 , on adjacent carbon atoms of the phenyl ring may, together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached, combine to form a 6 membered

saturated heterocyclic ring which is fused to the 2,3 or 3,4 positions of the benzoyl ring; wherein the heterocyclic ring contains a sulphur atom attached to the 4 position of the benzoyl ring, optionally in the form of a group -SO- or -SO₂-, and which ring is substituted by a 5- or 6- membered acetal thereof.

- 5 A more preferred class of compounds of formula (I) having the formula (Ia):



(Ia)

are those wherein:

R is hydrogen or -CO₂Et;

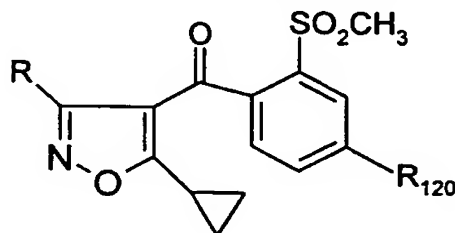
- 10 R¹¹⁷ is selected from -S(O)_pMe, Me, Et, a chlorine, bromine or fluorine atom, methoxy, ethoxy and -CH₂S(O)_qMe;

R¹¹⁸ is selected from a hydrogen atom, a chlorine, bromine or fluorine atom, methoxy, ethoxy and -S(O)_pMe;

- 15 R¹¹⁹ is selected from a hydrogen atom, a chlorine, bromine or fluorine atom, methoxy and CF₃; and

p and q each independently have the values zero, one or two.

An especially preferred class of compounds of formula (I) have the formula (Ib):

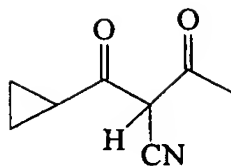


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20 wherein R¹²⁰ is chlorine, bromine or trifluoromethyl; and

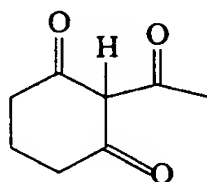
R is hydrogen or -CO₂Et.

Preferred diones are those in which a substituted phenyl ring as defined in formula (I); (Ia); or (Ib), is attached to a grouping;



Such diones in which the phenyl ring is substituted by two groups independently selected from halogen, alkyl, S(O)_palkyl (p = 0, 1 or 2) and haloalkyl are also preferred.

- 5 Preferred triones are those in which a substituted phenyl ring, as defined above, is attached to a grouping;



The following compounds of formula (I) are among the most preferred for use in the present invention:

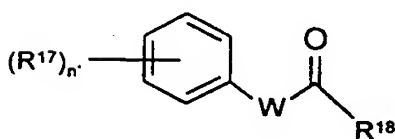
- 10 5-cyclopropyl-4-[2-chloro-3-ethoxy-4-(ethylsulphonyl)benzoyl]isoxazole;
 4-(4-chloro-2-methylsulphonylbenzoyl)-5-cyclopropylisoxazole;
 5-cyclopropyl-4-(2-methylsulphonyl-4-trifluoromethylbenzoyl)isoxazole;
 4-(4-bromo-2-methylsulphonylbenzoyl)-5-cyclopropylisoxazole;
 5-cyclopropyl-4-[4-fluoro-3-methoxy-2-(methylsulphonyl)benzoyl]isoxazole;
 15 4-(4-bromo-2-methylsulphonylmethylbenzoyl)-5-cyclopropylisoxazole;
 ethyl 5-cyclopropyl-4-(2-methylsulphonyl-4-trifluoromethylbenzoyl)isoxazole-3-carboxylate;
 2-[2-chloro-(4-methylsulphonyl)benzoyl]-1,3-cyclohexanedione;
 2-[2-nitro-(4-methylsulphonyl)benzoyl]-1,3-cyclohexanedione;
 20 2-(2,3-dihydro-5,8-dimethyl-1,1-dioxospiro[4H-1-benzothiine-4,2'-[1,3]dioxolan]-6-ylcarbonyl)cyclohexane-1,3-dione;
 5-cyclopropyl-4-(2-methylsulphonyl-4-trifluoromethylbenzoyl)-3-methylthioisoxazole; and
 2-cyano-3-cyclopropyl-1-(2-methylsulphonyl-4-trifluoromethylphenyl)propan-1,3-dione.
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The most preferred compounds are 5-cyclopropyl-4-(2-methylsulphonyl-4-trifluoromethylbenzoyl)isoxazole and 2-[2-nitro-(4-methylsulphonyl)benzoyl]-1,3-cyclohexanedione.

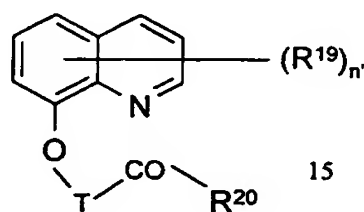
Herbicidal benzoylisoxazole and/or dione compounds for use in this invention may be prepared by the methods described in the aforementioned patent publications, or by the application or adaptation of known methods used or described in the chemical literature.

- 5 It has been found that the aforementioned antidote compounds can be selected from a wide range of chemical substances. The preferred compositions of this invention may include one or more antidotes which are not suggested by earlier antidotes which have been proposed for use with the benzoylisoxazole and/or dione derivatives of formula (I). The compositions of the invention may include one
10 or more of the following antidotes:

a) compounds of the formulae (II) and (III),



(II)



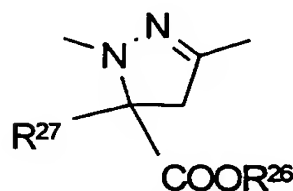
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20 wherein:

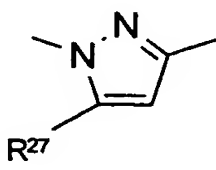
n' is an integer from zero to 5, preferably zero to 3;

T is a (C_1 or C_2)-alkanediyl chain which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or two (C_1 - C_4)-alkyl radicals or by [(C_1 - C_3)-alkoxy]carbonyl;

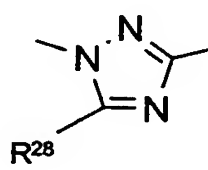
25 W is an unsubstituted or substituted divalent heterocyclic radical selected from the group of the partially unsaturated or aromatic five-membered heterocyclic rings which have 1 to 3 hetero ring atoms of the N or O type, where the ring contains at least one N atom and not more than one O atom, preferably a radical selected from the group consisting of (W1) to (W4),



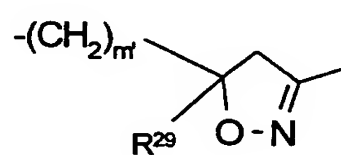
(W1)



(W2)



(W3)



(W4)

m' is zero or 1;

R¹⁷ and R¹⁹ are the same or different halogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, nitro or (C₁-C₄)-haloalkyl;

R¹⁸ and R²⁰ are the same or different OR²⁴, SR²⁴ or NR²⁴R²⁵ or a saturated or unsaturated 3- to 7-membered heterocycle having at least one N atom and up to 3
 5 hetero atoms, preferably from the group selected from O and S, which is linked to the carbonyl group in (II) or (III) via the N atom and is unsubstituted or substituted by radicals selected from the group consisting of (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy or optionally substituted phenyl, preferably a radical of the formula OR²⁴, NHR²⁵ or N(CH₃)₂, in particular of the formula OR²⁴;

10 R²⁴ is hydrogen or an unsubstituted or substituted aliphatic hydrocarbon radical, preferably having a total of 1 to 18 C atoms;

R²⁵ is hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy or substituted or unsubstituted phenyl;

R²⁶ is hydrogen, (C₁-C₈)-alkyl, (C₁-C₈)-haloalkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)-hydroxyalkyl, (C₃-C₁₂)-cycloalkyl or tri-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl-silyl; and

15 R²⁷, R²⁸, R²⁹ are the same or different hydrogen, (C₁-C₈)-alkyl, (C₁-C₈)-haloalkyl, (C₃-C₁₂)-cycloalkyl or substituted or unsubstituted phenyl;

b) one or more compounds selected from:

4,6-dichloro-2-phenylpyrimidine (fenclozim),

20 benzyl 2-chloro-4-trifluoromethyl-1,3-thiazole-5-carboxylate (flurazole),

N-(4-methylphenyl)-N'-(1-methyl-1-phenylethyl)urea (daimuron),

1-[4-(N-2-methoxybenzoylsulfamoyl)phenyl]-3-methylurea,

1-[4-(N-2-methoxybenzoylsulfamoyl)phenyl]-3,3-dimethylurea,

1-[4-(N-4,5-dimethylbenzoylsulfamoyl)phenyl]-3-methylurea,

25 1-[4-(N-naphthoylsulfamoyl)phenyl]-3,3-dimethylurea; or

(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)acetic acid (2,4-D),

(4-chlorophenoxy)acetic acid,

(R,S)-2-(4-chloro-o-tolyloxy)propionic acid (mecoprop),

4-(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)butyric acid (2,4-DB),

30 (4-chloro-o-tolyloxy)acetic acid (MCPA),

4-(4-chloro-o-tolyloxy)butyric acid,

4-(4-chlorophenoxy)butyric acid,

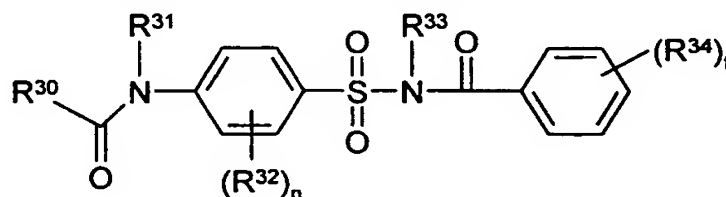
3,6-dichloro-2-methoxybenzoic acid (dicamba),

1-(ethoxycarbonyl)ethyl 3,6-dichloro-2-methoxybenzoate (lactidichlor)

35 and their salts and esters, preferably (C₁-C₈); or

- (±)-4-dichloroacetyl-3,4-dihydro-3-methyl-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazine (benoxacor),
N,N-diallyl-2,2-dichloroacetamide (dichlormid),
 (*RS*)-3-dichloroacetyl-5-(2-furyl)-2,2-dimethyloxazolidine (furilazole),
N-(4-chlorophenyl)maleimide (CMPI),
 4-hydroxy-1-methyl-3-(1-1*H*-tetrazol-5-ylmethanoyl)-1*H*-quinolin-2-one,
 (*S*)-1-(1- α -methylbenzyl)-3-*p*-tolylurea ((*S*)-MBU), and
S-1-methyl-1-phenylethyl piperidine-1-carbothioate (dimepiperate).

c) N-acylsulfonamides of the formula (IV) or salts thereof:



(IV)

wherein:

- R^{30} is hydrogen; or R^{30} is a hydrocarbon radical, a hydrocarbon-oxy radical, a hydrocarbon-thio radical or a heterocyclyl radical which is preferably bonded via a carbon atom, which radicals are unsubstituted or substituted by one or more groups selected from halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, hydroxyl, carboxyl, formyl, carboxamide, sulfonamide and radicals of the formula Z^a-R^a , each hydrocarbon moiety preferably having 1 to 20 carbon atoms and a carbon-containing radical R^{30} inclusive of substituents preferably having 1 to 30 carbon atoms;
- R^{31} is hydrogen or (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, preferably hydrogen, or
- R^{30} and R^{31} together with the group of the formula -CO-N- are the residue of a 3- to 8-membered saturated or unsaturated ring;
- R^{32} is identical or different halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, hydroxyl, carboxyl, formyl, CONH₂, SO₂NH₂ or a radical of the formula Z^b-R^b ;
- R^{33} is hydrogen or (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, preferably H;
- R^{34} is the same or different halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, hydroxyl, carboxyl, CHO, CONH₂, SO₂NH₂ or a radical of the formula Z^c-R^c ;
- R^a is a hydrocarbon radical or a heterocyclyl radical, which radicals are unsubstituted or substituted by one or more groups which may be the same or different selected from halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, hydroxyl, mono- and di-[(C₁-C₄)-alkyl]amino, or an alkyl radical in which a plurality, preferably 2 or 3, non-adjacent CH₂ groups are in each case replaced by one oxygen atom;

R^b and R^c are the same or different hydrocarbon radical or heterocyclyl radical, which radicals are unsubstituted or substituted by one or more groups which may be the same or different selected from halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, hydroxyl, phosphoryl, halo-(C_1 - C_4)-alkoxy, mono- and di-[(C_1 - C_4)-alkyl]amino, or an alkyl

- 5 radical in which a plurality, preferably 2 or 3, non-adjacent CH_2 groups are replaced in each case by one oxygen atom;

Z^a is a divalent group of the formula O, S, CO, CS, CO-O, CO-S, O-CO, S-CO, SO, SO_2 , NR^* , CO- NR^* , NR^* -CO, SO_2 - NR^* or NR^* - SO_2 , the bond given on the right-

- 10 hand side of each of the divalent groups being the bond to the radical R^a , and the radicals R^* are each independently H, (C_1 - C_4)-alkyl or halo-(C_1 - C_4)-alkyl;

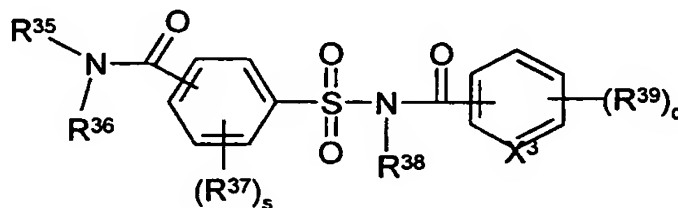
Z^b and Z^c are each independently a direct bond or a divalent group of the formula O, S, CO, CS, CO-O, CO-S, O-CO, S-CO, SO, SO_2 , NR^* , SO_2 - NR^* , NR^* - SO_2 , CO- NR^* or NR^* -CO, where, in asymmetrical divalent groups, the atom on the right-hand side is linked to the radical R^b or R^c and where the radicals R^* are each

- 15 independently H, (C_1 - C_4)-alkyl or halo-(C_1 - C_4)-alkyl;

n is an integer from zero to 4, preferably zero, 1 or 2, in particular zero or 1, and

t is an integer from zero to 5, preferably zero, 1, 2 or 3, in particular zero, 1 or 2;

- d) acylsulfamoylbenzamides of the formula (V), or salts thereof:



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(V)

wherein:

X^3 is CH or N;

- 25 R^{35} is hydrogen, or a heterocyclyl or hydrocarbon radical, which radicals are optionally substituted by one or more groups which may be the same or different selected from halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, hydroxyl, carboxyl, CHO, $CONH_2$, SO_2NH_2 and Z^d-R^d ;

- R^{36} is hydrogen, hydroxyl; or R^{36} is (C_1 - C_6)-alkyl, (C_2 - C_6)-alkenyl, (C_2 - C_6)-alkynyl, (C_1 - C_6)-alkoxy, (C_2 - C_6)-alkenyloxy, which radicals are optionally substituted by one or more groups which may be the same or different selected from halogen, hydroxyl, (C_1 - C_4)-alkyl, (C_1 - C_4)-alkoxy and (C_1 - C_4)-alkylthio, or
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R^{35} and R^{36} together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached are a 3- to 8-membered saturated or unsaturated ring;

R^{37} is halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, hydroxyl, carboxyl, CHO, CONH₂, SO₂NH₂ or Z^e-R^e ;

5 R^{38} is hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₂-C₄)-alkenyl or (C₂-C₄)-alkynyl;

R^{39} is halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, hydroxyl, carboxyl, phosphoryl, CHO, CONH₂, SO₂NH₂ or Z^f-R^f ;

10 R^d is a (C₂-C₂₀)-alkyl radical whose carbon chain is interrupted by one or more oxygen atoms; or R^d is a heterocyclyl or a hydrocarbon radical, which radicals are optionally substituted by one or more groups which may be the same or different selected from halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, hydroxyl, mono- and di-[(C₁-C₄)-alkyl]amino;

15 R^e and R^f are the same or different (C₂-C₂₀)-alkyl radical which carbon chain is interrupted by one or more oxygen atoms; or R^e and R^f are the same or different heterocyclyl or hydrocarbon radical, which radicals are optionally substituted by one or more groups which may be the same or different selected from halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, hydroxyl, phosphoryl, (C₁-C₄)-haloalkoxy, mono- and di-[(C₁-C₄)-alkyl]amino;

20 Z^d is a divalent unit selected from the group consisting of O, S, CO, CS, C(O)O, C(O)S, SO, SO₂, NR*, C(O)NR* or SO₂NR*;

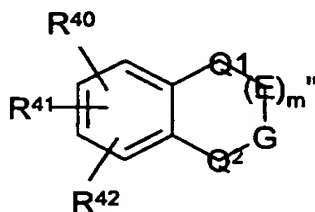
Z^e and Z^f are the same or different and are a direct bond or a divalent unit selected from O, S, CO, CS, C(O)O, C(O)S, SO, SO₂, NR*, SO₂NR* and C(O)NR*;

R^* is hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl or (C₁-C₄)-haloalkyl;

s is an integer from zero to 4, and

25 o is an integer from zero to 5 when X is CH, or is an integer from zero to 4 when X is N;

e) compounds of the formula (VI):



(VI)

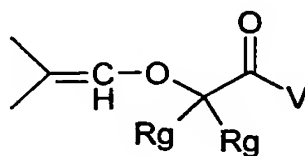
wherein:

R^{40} is H, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl substituted by (C₁-C₄)-alkyl-X⁴ or (C₁-C₄)-haloalkyl-X⁴, (C₁-C₄)-haloalkyl, NO₂, CN, -COO-R⁴³, NR₂⁴⁴, SO₂NR₂⁴⁵ or CONR₂⁴⁶;

R^{41} is H, halogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, CF₃, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy or (C₁-C₄)-haloalkoxy;

R^{42} is H, halogen or (C₁-C₄)-alkyl;

- 5 Q^1 , Q^2 , E and G are the same or different O, S, CR₂⁴⁷, CO, NR₂⁴⁸ or a group of the formula (VII):



(VII)

with the proviso that:

- 10 i) at least one of the groups Q^1 , Q^2 , E, G is a carbonyl group, that exactly one of these groups is a radical of the formula (VII) and that the group of the formula (VII) is adjacent to a carbonyl group, and
 ii) two adjacent groups Q^1 , Q^2 , E and G cannot simultaneously be oxygen;
- 15 R^9 is the same or different H or (C₁-C₈)-alkyl or the two radicals R^9 together are (C₂-C₆)-alkylene;
 V is Y³-R^h or NR₂⁴⁹;
 X^4 is O or S(O)_i;
 Y^3 is O or S;
- 20 R^h is H, (C₁-C₈)-alkyl, (C₁-C₈)-haloalkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy-(C₁-C₈)-alkyl, (C₃-C₆)-alkenyloxy-(C₁-C₈)-alkyl, or phenyl-(C₁-C₈)-alkyl, where the phenyl ring is optionally substituted by halogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, CF₃, methoxy or methyl-S(O)_x; (C₃-C₆)-alkenyl, (C₃-C₆)-haloalkenyl, phenyl-(C₃-C₆)-alkenyl, (C₃-C₆)-alkynyl, phenyl-(C₃-C₆)-alkynyl, oxetanyl, furfuryl or tetrahydrofuryl;
- 25 R^{43} is H or (C₁-C₄)-alkyl;
 R^{44} is H, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkylcarbonyl or the two radicals R^{44} together are (C₄-C₅)-alkylene;
 R^{45} and R^{46} are the same or different H, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, or the two radicals R^{45} and/or R^{46} together are (C₄-C₅)-alkylene, where one CH₂ group can be replaced by O or S
 30 or one or two CH₂ groups can be replaced by NRⁱ;
 R^i is H or (C₁-C₈)-alkyl;
 R^{47} is H, (C₁-C₈)-alkyl or the two radicals R^{47} together are (C₂-C₆)-alkylene;

R^{48} is H, (C₁-C₈)-alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted phenyl, or benzyl which is unsubstituted or substituted on the phenyl ring;

R^{49} is H, (C₁-C₈)-alkyl, phenyl, phenyl-(C₁-C₈)-alkyl, which phenyl rings can be substituted by F, Cl, Br, NO₂, CN, OCH₃, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl or CH₃SO₂; (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy-
 5 (C₁-C₈)-alkyl, (C₃-C₆)-alkenyl, (C₃-C₆)-alkynyl, (C₃-C₆)-cycloalkyl or two radicals R^{49} together are (C₄-C₅)-alkylene, where one CH₂ group can be replaced by O or S or one or two CH₂ groups can be replaced by NR^k;

R^k is H or (C₁-C₄)-alkyl;

m'' is 0 or 1 and

10 l is 0, 1 or 2;

including stereoisomers and agriculturally acceptable salts.

Unless otherwise defined individually, the following definitions generally apply to the radicals in the formulae (II) to (VII).

15 The radicals alkyl, alkoxy, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, alkylamino and alkylthio and the corresponding unsaturated and/or substituted radicals can be in each case straight-chain or branched in the carbon skeleton. Alkyl radicals, also the composite meanings such as alkoxy, haloalkyl and the like, preferably have 1 to 4 carbon atoms and are, for example, methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl or n-, i-, t- or 2-butyl.

20 Alkenyl and alkynyl radicals have the meanings of the unsaturated radicals which are possible which correspond to the alkyl radicals; alkenyl is, for example, allyl, 1-methylprop-2-en-1-yl, 2-methylprop-2-en-1-yl, but-2-en-1-yl, but-3-en-1-yl, 1-methylbut-3-en-1-yl and 1-methylbut-2-en-1-yl. Alkynyl is, for example, propargyl, but-2-yn-1-yl, but-3-yn-1-yl, 1-methylbut-3-yn-1-yl. "(C₁-C₄)-Alkyl" is the
 25 abbreviation for alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms; the same applies analogously to other general definitions of radicals, where the range of the possible number of carbon atoms is indicated in brackets.

Cycloalkyl is, preferably, a cyclic alkyl radical having 3 to 8, preferably 3 to 7, especially preferably 3 to 6, carbon atoms, for example cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl,
 30 cyclopentyl and cyclohexyl. Cycloalkenyl and cycloalkynyl denote corresponding unsaturated compounds.

Halogen is fluorine, chlorine, bromine or iodine. Haloalkyl, haloalkenyl and haloalkynyl are alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl which are partially or fully substituted by halogen, preferably by fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine, in particular by fluorine or
 35 chlorine, for example CF₃, CHF₂, CH₂F, CF₃CF₂, CH₂FCHCl, CCl₃, CHCl₂, CH₂CH₂Cl.

Haloalkoxy is, for example, OCF_3 , OCHF_2 , OCH_2F , $\text{CF}_3\text{CF}_2\text{O}$, OCH_2CF_3 and $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$. This also applies analogously to other halogen-substituted radicals.

A hydrocarbon radical can be an aromatic or an aliphatic hydrocarbon radical, where an aliphatic hydrocarbon radical is generally a straight-chain or branched saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon radical, preferably having 1 to 18, especially preferably 1 to 12, carbon atoms, for example alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl.

Aliphatic hydrocarbon radical preferably means alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl having up to 12 carbon atoms; the same applies analogously to an aliphatic hydrocarbon radical in a hydrocarbon-oxy radical.

Aryl is generally a mono-, bi- or polycyclic aromatic system having by preference 6-20 carbon atoms, preferably 6 to 14 carbon atoms, especially preferably 6 to 10 carbon atoms, for example phenyl, naphthyl, tetrahydronaphthyl, indenyl, indanyl, pentalenyl and fluorenyl, especially preferably phenyl.

Heterocyclic ring, heterocyclic radical or heterocyclyl is a mono-, bi- or polycyclic ring system which is saturated, unsaturated and/or aromatic and contains one or more, preferably 1 to 4, hetero atoms, preferably selected from the group consisting of N, S and O.

Preferred are saturated heterocycles having 3 to 7 ring atoms and one or two hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of N, O and S, their chalcogens not being adjacent. Especially preferred are monocyclic rings having 3 to 7 ring atoms and a hetero atom selected from the group consisting of N, O and S, and also morpholine, dioxolane, piperazine, imidazoline and oxazolidine. Very especially preferred saturated heterocycles are oxirane, pyrrolidone, morpholine and tetrahydrofuran.

Also preferred are partially unsaturated heterocycles having 5 to 7 ring atoms and one or two hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of N, O and S.

Especially preferred are partially unsaturated heterocycles having 5 to 6 ring atoms and one hetero atom selected from the group consisting of N, O and S. Very especially preferred partially unsaturated heterocycles are pyrazoline, imidazoline and isoxazoline.

Equally preferred is heteroaryl, for example mono- or bicyclic aromatic heterocycles having 5 to 6 ring atoms which contain one to four hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of N, O, S, the chalcogens not being adjacent. Especially preferred are monocyclic aromatic heterocycles having 5 to 6 ring atoms which contains a hetero atom selected from the group consisting of N, O and S, and also

pyrimidine, pyrazine, pyridazine, oxazole, thiazole, thiadiazole, oxadiazole, pyrazole, triazole and isoxazole. Very especially preferred are pyrazole, thiazole, triazole and furan.

Substituted radicals, such as substituted hydrocarbon radicals, for example

- 5 substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl such as phenyl and arylalkyl such as benzyl, or substituted heterocyclyl, are a substituted radical which is derived from an unsubstituted skeleton, the substituents being, by preference, one or more, by preference 1, 2 or 3, in the case of Cl and F also up to the maximum possible number of, substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, alkoxy, 10 haloalkoxy, alkylthio, hydroxyl, amino, nitro, carboxyl, cyano, azido, alkoxycarbonyl, alkylcarbonyl, formyl, carbamoyl, mono- and dialkylaminocarbonyl, substituted amino such as acylamino, mono- and dialkylamino and alkylsulfynyl, haloalkylsulfynyl, alkylsulfonyl, haloalkylsulfonyl and, in the case of cyclic radicals, also alkyl and haloalkyl and the unsaturated aliphatic substituents which 15 correspond to the abovementioned saturated hydrocarbon-containing substituents, preferably alkenyl, alkynyl, alkenyloxy and alkynyloxy. In the case of radicals having carbon atoms, those having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, in particular 1 or 2 carbon atoms, are preferred. As a rule, preferred substituents are those selected from the group consisting of halogen, for example fluorine or chlorine, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, 20 preferably methyl or ethyl, (C₁-C₄)-haloalkyl, preferably trifluoromethyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, preferably methoxy or ethoxy, (C₁-C₄)-haloalkoxy, nitro and cyano. Especially preferred in this context are the substituents methyl, methoxy and chlorine.

- Mono- or disubstituted amino is a chemically stable radical selected from the group 25 of the substituted amino radicals which are N-substituted by, for example, one or two identical or different radicals selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkoxy, acyl and aryl; preferably monoalkylamino, dialkylamino, acylamino, arylamino, N-alkyl-N-aryl amino and N-heterocycles. Preferred in this context are alkyl radicals having 1 to 4 carbon atoms. By preference, aryl is phenyl. By 30 preference, substituted aryl is substituted phenyl. The definition given further below applies to acyl, preferably (C₁-C₄)-alkanoyl. This also applies analogously to substituted hydroxylamino or hydrazino.

- By preference, optionally substituted phenyl is phenyl which is unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted, preferably up to trisubstituted, in the case of halogen 35 such as Cl and F also up to pentasubstituted, by identical or different radicals

selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, (C₁-C₄)-haloalkyl, (C₁-C₄)-haloalkoxy and nitro, for example o-, m- and p-tolyl, dimethylphenyls, 2-, 3- and 4-chlorophenyl, 2-, 3- and 4-trifluoro- and -trichlorophenyl, 2,4-, 3,5-, 2,5- and 2,3-dichlorophenyl, o-, m- and p-methoxyphenyl.

An acyl radical is the radical of an organic acid having by preference up to 6 carbon atoms, for example the radical of a carboxylic acid and radicals of acids derived therefrom, such as thiocarboxylic acid, optionally N-substituted iminocarboxylic acids, or the radical of carbonic monoesters, optionally N-substituted carbamic acids, sulfonic acid, sulfinic acids, phosphonic acids, phosphinic acids. Acyl is, for example, formyl, alkylcarbonyl such as (C₁-C₄)-alkyl-carbonyl, phenylcarbonyl, it being possible for the phenyl ring to be substituted, for example as indicated above for phenyl, or alkyloxycarbonyl, phenyloxycarbonyl, benzyloxycarbonyl, alkylsulfonyl, alkylsulfinyl or N-alkyl-1-iminoalkyl.

Formulae (II) to (VII) are also understood to include all stereoisomers and mixtures thereof. The stereoisomers include enantiomers, diastereomers and Z- and E-isomers.

Preferred herbicide/antidote combinations are those which comprise antidotes of the formula (II) and/or (III) where the symbols and indices have the following meanings:

R²⁴ is hydrogen, (C₁-C₁₈)-alkyl, (C₃-C₁₂)-cycloalkyl, (C₂-C₈)-alkenyl and (C₂-C₁₈)-alkynyl, where the carbon-containing groups can be substituted by one or more preferably up to three, radicals R⁵⁰;

R⁵⁰ is the same or different halogen, hydroxyl, (C₁-C₈)-alkoxy, (C₁-C₈)-alkylthio, (C₂-C₈)-alkenylthio, (C₂-C₈)-alkynylthio, (C₂-C₈)-alkenyloxy, (C₂-C₈)-alkynyloxy, (C₃-C₇)-cycloalkyl, (C₃-C₇)-cycloalkoxy, cyano, mono- and di-(C₁-C₄)-alkylamino, carboxyl, (C₁-C₈)-alkoxycarbonyl, (C₂-C₈)-alkenyloxycarbonyl, (C₁-C₈)-alkylthiocarbonyl, (C₂-C₈)-alkynyloxycarbonyl, (C₁-C₈)-alkylcarbonyl, (C₂-C₈)-alkenylcarbonyl, (C₂-C₈)-alkynylcarbonyl, 1-(hydroxyimino)-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, 1-[(C₁-C₄)-alkylimino]-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, 1-[(C₁-C₄)-alkoxyimino]-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₁-C₈)-alkylcarbonylamino, (C₂-C₈)-alkenylcarbonylamino, (C₂-C₈)-alkynylcarbonylamino, aminocarbonyl, (C₁-C₈)-alkylaminocarbonyl, di-(C₁-C₆)-alkylaminocarbonyl, (C₂-C₈)-alkenylaminocarbonyl, (C₂-C₈)-alkynylaminocarbonyl, (C₁-C₈)-alkoxycarbonylamino, (C₁-C₈)-

alkylaminocarbonylamino, (C₁-C₆)-alkylcarbonyloxy which is unsubstituted or substituted by R⁵¹, or is (C₂-C₆)-alkenylcarbonyloxy, (C₂-C₆)-alkynylcarbonyloxy, (C₁-C₈)-alkylsulfonyl, phenyl, phenyl-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, phenyl-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl, phenoxy, phenoxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, phenoxy-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl,

- 5 phenylcarbonyloxy, phenylcarbonylamino, phenyl-(C₁-C₆)-alkylcarbonylamino, it being possible for the last-mentioned 9 radicals to be unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted, preferably up to trisubstituted, by radicals R⁵²; SiR'₃, OSiR'₃, R'₃Si-(C₁-C₈)-alkoxy, CO-O-NR'₂, O-N=CR'₂, N=CR'₂, O-NR'₂, NR'₂, CH(OR')₂, O-(CH₂)_q-CH(OR')₂, CR'''(OR')₂, O-(CH₂)_wCR'''(OR'')₂ or by R''O-CHR'''CHCOR''-(C₁-C₆)-
- 10 alkoxy,

R⁵¹ is the same or different halogen, nitro, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy and phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more, preferably up to three, radicals R⁵²; R⁵² is the same or different halogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, (C₁-C₄)-haloalkyl, (C₁-C₄)-haloalkoxy or nitro;

- 15 R' is the same or different hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more, preferably up to three, radicals R⁵², or two radicals R' together form a (C₂-C₆)-alkanediyl chain;
- R'' is the same or different (C₁-C₄)-alkyl or two radicals R'' together form a (C₂-C₆)-alkanediyl chain;

- 20 R''' is hydrogen or (C₁-C₄)-alkyl; and

w is zero, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6.

Especially preferred are herbicide/antidote combinations according to the invention which comprise antidotes of the formula (II) and/or (III) where the symbols and

- 25 indices have the following meanings:

R²⁴ is hydrogen, (C₁-C₈)-alkyl or (C₃-C₇)-cycloalkyl, the above carbon-containing radicals being unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted by halogen or mono- or disubstituted, by preference monosubstituted, by radicals R⁵⁰,

- R⁵⁰ is the same or different hydroxyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, carboxyl, (C₁-C₄)-
- 30 alkoxy, (C₂-C₆)-alkenyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkynyl, 1-(hydroxyimino)-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, 1-[(C₁-C₄)-alkylimino]-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl and 1-[(C₁-C₄)-alkoxyimino]-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl; SiR'₃, O-N=CR'₂, N=CR'₂, NR'₂ and ONR'₃ where R' is identical or different hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl or, as a pair, a (C₄-C₅)-alkanediyl chain, R²⁷, R²⁸ and R²⁹ are the same or different hydrogen, (C₁-C₈)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)-haloalkyl,
- 35 (C₃-C₇)-cycloalkyl or phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more

groups selected from halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, mono- and di-[(C₁-C₄)-alkyl]-amino, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-haloalkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, (C₁-C₄)-haloalkoxy, (C₁-C₄)-alkylthio and (C₁-C₄)-alkylsulfonyl;

R²⁶ is hydrogen, (C₁-C₈)-alkyl, (C₁-C₈)-haloalkyl, (C₁-C₄-alkoxy)-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)-hydroxyalkyl, (C₃-C₇)-cycloalkyl or tri-(C₁-C₄)-alkylsilyl,

R¹⁷ and R¹⁹ are the same or different halogen, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, (C₁ or C₂)-haloalkyl, by preference hydrogen, halogen or (C₁ or C₂)-haloalkyl.

Very especially preferred are antidotes in which the symbols and indices in formula (II) have the following meanings:

R¹⁷ is halogen, nitro or (C₁-C₄)-haloalkyl;

n' is zero, 1, 2 or 3;

R¹⁸ is a radical of the formula OR²⁴,

R²⁴ is hydrogen, (C₁-C₈)-alkyl or (C₃-C₇)-cycloalkyl, where the above carbon-containing radicals are unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted, by preference up to trisubstituted, by the same or different halogen radicals, or up to disubstituted, by preference monosubstituted, by identical or different radicals selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxycarbonyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkenyloxycarbonyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkynyloxycarbonyl, 1-(hydroxyimino)-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, 1-[(C₁-C₄)-alkylimino]-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, 1-[(C₁-C₄)-alkoxyimino]-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl and radicals of the formulae SiR'₃, O-N=CR'₂, N=CR'₂, NR'₂ and O-NR'₂, where the radicals R' in the abovementioned formulae are identical or different hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl or, as a pair, are (C₄ or C₅)-alkanediyl; R²⁷, R²⁸ and R²⁹ are the same or different hydrogen, (C₁-C₈)-alkyl, (C₁-C₈)-haloalkyl, (C₃-C₇)-cycloalkyl or phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from halogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, nitro, (C₁-C₄)-haloalkyl and (C₁-C₄)-haloalkoxy, and R²⁶ is hydrogen, (C₁-C₈)-alkyl, (C₁-C₈)-haloalkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)-hydroxyalkyl, (C₃-C₇)-cycloalkyl or tri-(C₁-C₄)-alkylsilyl.

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Very especially preferred are also antidotes of the formula (III) where the symbols and indices have the following meanings:

R¹⁹ is halogen or (C₁-C₄)-haloalkyl;

n' is zero, 1, 2 or 3, where (R¹⁹)_n is, by preference, 5-Cl;

35 R²⁰ is a radical of the formula OR²⁴;

T is CH₂ or CH(COO-(C₁-C₃)-alkyl), and

R²⁴ is hydrogen, (C₁-C₈)-alkyl, (C₁-C₈)-haloalkyl or (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, by preference (C₁-C₈)-alkyl.

5 Especially preferred are antidotes of the formula (II) where the symbols and indices have the following meanings:

W is (W1);

R¹⁷ is halogen or (C₁-C₂)-haloalkyl;

n' is zero, 1, 2 or 3, where (R¹⁷)_{n'} is by preference 2,4-Cl₂;

10 R¹⁸ is a radical of the formula OR²⁴;

R²⁴ is hydrogen, (C₁-C₈)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-haloalkyl, (C₁-C₄)-hydroxyalkyl, (C₃-C₇)-cycloalkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl or tri-(C₁-C₂)-alkylsilyl, by preference (C₁-C₄)-alkyl;

R²⁷ is hydrogen, (C₁-C₈)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-haloalkyl or (C₃-C₇)-cycloalkyl, by preference hydrogen or (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, and

15 R²⁶ is hydrogen, (C₁-C₈)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-haloalkyl, (C₁-C₄)-hydroxyalkyl, (C₃-C₇)-cycloalkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl or tri-(C₁-C₂)-alkylsilyl, by preference hydrogen or (C₁-C₄)-alkyl.

20 Also especially preferred are herbicidal compositions comprising an antidote of the formula (II) where the symbols and indices have the following meanings:

W is (W2);

R¹⁷ is halogen or (C₁-C₂)-haloalkyl;

n' is zero, 1, 2 or 3, where (R¹⁷)_{n'} is by preference 2,4-Cl₂;

R¹⁸ is a radical of the formula OR²⁴;

25 R²⁴ is hydrogen, (C₁-C₈)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-haloalkyl, (C₁-C₄)-hydroxyalkyl, (C₃-C₇)-cycloalkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl or tri-(C₁-C₂)-alkyl-silyl, by preference (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, and

R²⁷ is hydrogen, (C₁-C₈)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-haloalkyl, (C₃-C₇)-cycloalkyl or phenyl, by preference hydrogen or (C₁-C₄)-alkyl.

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Also especially preferred are antidotes of the formula (II) where the symbols and indices have the following meanings:

W is (W3);

R¹⁷ is halogen or (C₁-C₂)-haloalkyl;

35 n' is zero, 1, 2 or 3, where (R¹⁷)_n is by preference 2,4-Cl₂;

R^{18} is a radical of the formula OR^{24} ;

R^{24} is hydrogen, (C_1-C_8) -alkyl, (C_1-C_4) -haloalkyl, (C_1-C_4) -hydroxyalkyl, (C_3-C_7) -cycloalkyl, (C_1-C_4) -alkoxy- (C_1-C_4) -alkyl or tri- (C_1-C_2) -alkylsilyl, by preference (C_1-C_4) -alkyl, and

5 R^{28} is (C_1-C_8) -alkyl or (C_1-C_4) -haloalkyl, by preference C_1 -haloalkyl.

Also especially preferred are antidotes of the formula (II) where the symbols and indices have the following meaning:

W is (W4);

10 R^{17} is halogen, nitro, (C_1-C_4) -alkyl, (C_1-C_2) -haloalkyl, by preference CF_3 , or (C_1-C_4) -alkoxy;

n' is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

m' is 0 or 1;

R^{18} is a radical of the formula OR^{24} ;

15 R^{24} is hydrogen, (C_1-C_4) -alkyl, carboxy- (C_1-C_4) -alkyl, (C_1-C_4) -alkoxycarbonyl- (C_1-C_4) -alkyl, by preference (C_1-C_4) -alkoxy- $CO-CH_2-$, (C_1-C_4) -alkoxy- $CO-C(CH_3)(H)-$, $HO-CO-CH_2-$ or $HO-CO-C(CH_3)(H)-$, and

R^{29} is hydrogen, (C_1-C_4) -alkyl, (C_1-C_4) -haloalkyl, (C_3-C_7) -cycloalkyl or phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more groups selected from halogen, $(C_1-$

20 $C_4)$ -alkyl, (C_1-C_4) -haloalkyl, nitro, cyano and (C_1-C_4) -alkoxy.

The following groups of compounds are especially suitable for use as antidotes for the herbicidally active substances of the formula (I):

a) compounds of the dichlorophenylpyrazoline-3-carboxylic acid type (i.e. of
25 the formula (II), where $W = (W1)$ and $(R^{17})_n = 2,4-Cl_2$), by preference compounds such as ethyl 1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-5-(ethoxycarbonyl)-5-methyl-2-pyrazoline-3-carboxylate (II-1), and related compounds as described in WO-A 91/07874;

b) dichlorophenylpyrazolecarboxylic acid derivatives (i.e. of the formula (II),
30 where $W = (W2)$ and $(R^{17})_n = 2,4-Cl_2$), by preference compounds such as ethyl 1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-5-methyl-pyrazole-3-carboxylate (II-2), ethyl 1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropylpyrazole-3-carboxylate (II-3), ethyl 1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-5-(1,1-dimethylethyl)pyrazole-3-carboxylate (II-4), ethyl 1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-5-phenylpyrazole-3-carboxylate (II-5) and related compounds as
35 described in EP-A-O 333 131 and EP-A-O 269 806.

- c) Compounds of the triazolecarboxylic type (i.e. of the formula (II), where $W = (W3)$ and $(R^{17})_n = 2,4-Cl_2$), by preference compounds such as fenchlorazole ethyl, i.e. ethyl 1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-5-trichloromethyl-(1H)-1,2,4-triazole-3-carboxylate (II-6); fenchlorazole, i.e. 1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-5-trichloromethyl-(1H)-1,2,4-triazole-3-carboxylic acid, and related compounds (see EP-A-0 174 562 and EP-A-0 346 620);
- d) Compounds of the 5-benzyl- or 5-phenyl-2-isoxazoline-3-carboxylic acid type or the 5,5-diphenyl-2-isoxazoline-3-carboxylic acid type (where $W = (W4)$), by preference compounds such as ethyl 5-(2,4-dichlorobenzyl)-2-isoxazoline-3-carboxylate (II-7) or ethyl 5-phenyl-2-isoxazoline-3-carboxylate (II-8) and related compounds as they are described in WO-A- 91/08202, or ethyl 5,5-diphenyl-2-isoxazoline-3-carboxylate (II-9), or 5,5-diphenyl-2-isoxazoline-3-carboxylic acid, or n-propyl 5,5-diphenyl-2-isoxazoline-carboxylate (II-10) or ethyl 5-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-phenyl-2-isoxazoline-3-carboxylate (II-11), as described in WO-A-95/07897.
- e) Compounds of the 8-quinolinoxyacetic acid type, for example those of the formula (III) where $(R^{19})_n = 5-Cl$, $R^{20} = OR^{24}$ and $T = CH_2$, by preference the compounds
- 1-methyl (5-chloro-8-quinolinoxy)acetate (III-1),
1,3-dimethyl-but-1-yl (5-chloro-8-quinolinoxy)acetate (III-2),
4-allyloxybutyl (5-chloro-8-quinolinoxy)acetate (III-3),
1-allyloxyprop-2-yl (5-chloro-8-quinolinoxy)acetate (III-4),
ethyl (5-chloro-8-quinolinoxy)acetate (III-5),
methyl (5-chloro-8-quinolinoxy)acetate (III-6),
allyl (5-chloro-8-quinolinoxy)acetate (III-7),
2-(2-propylideneiminoxy)-1-ethyl (5-chloro-8-quinolinoxy)acetate (III-8),
2-oxo-prop-1-yl (5-chloro-8-quinolinoxy)acetate (III-9) and related compounds as they are described in EP-A-0 860 750, EP-A-0 094 349 and EP-A-0 191 736 or EP-A-0 492 366.
- f) Compounds of the (5-chloro-8-quinolinoxy)malonic acid type, i.e. of the formula (III) where $(R^{19})_n = 5-Cl$, $R^{20} = OR^{24}$, $T = -CH(COO-alkyl)-$, by preference the compounds diethyl (5-chloro-8-quinolinoxy)malonate, diallyl (5-chloro-8-

quinolinoxy)malonate, methyl ethyl (5-chloro-8-quinolinoxy)malonate and related compounds as they are described in EP-A-O 582 198.

g) Compounds selected from:

- 5 N,N-diallyl-2,2-dichloroacetamide (dichlormid, from US-A 4,137,070),
4-dichloroacetyl-3,4-dihydro-3-methyl-2H-1,4-benzoxazine (benoxacor, from EP O 149 974),
3-dichloroacetyl-5-(2-furanyl)-2,2-dimethyloxazolidine (furilazole, MON 13900),
4,6-dichloro-2-phenylpyrimidine (fencloirim),
10 benzyl 2-chloro-4-trifluoromethyl-1,3-thiazole-5-carboxylate (flurazole),
N-(4-methylphenyl)-N'-(1-methyl-1-phenylethyl)urea (daimuron),
1-[4-(N-2-methoxybenzoylsulfamoyl)phenyl]-3-methylurea,
1-[4-(N-2-methoxybenzoylsulfamoyl)phenyl]-3,3-dimethylurea,
1-[4-(N-4,5-dimethylbenzoylsulfamoyl)phenyl]-3-methylurea,
15 1-[4-(N-naphthoylsulfamoyl)phenyl]-3,3-dimethylurea,
(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)acetic acid (2,4-D); or
(4-chlorophenoxy)acetic acid,
(R,S)-2-(4-chloro-o-tolyloxy)propionic acid (mecoprop),
4-(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)butyric acid (2,4-DB),
20 (4-chloro-o-tolyloxy)acetic acid (MCPA),
4-(4-chloro-o-tolyloxy)butyric acid,
4-(4-chlorophenoxy)butyric acid,
3,6-dichloro-2-methoxybenzoic acid (dicamba),
1-(ethoxycarbonyl)ethyl 3,6-dichloro-2-methoxybenzoate (lactidichlor),
25 and their salts and esters, by preference (C₁-C₈); or
N-(4-chlorophenyl)maleimide (CMPI),
4-hydroxy-1-methyl-3-(1-1H-tetrazol-5-ylmethanoyl)-1H-quinolin-2-one,
(S)-1-(1- α -methylbenzyl)-3-*p*-tolylurea ((S)-MBU), and
S-1-methyl-1-phenylethyl piperidine-1-carbothioate (dimepiperate).

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Furthermore preferred as antidotes are compounds of the formula (IV) or salts thereof in which:

R³⁰ is hydrogen; or R³⁰ is (C₁-C₈)-alkyl, (C₃-C₆)-cycloalkyl, furanyl or thienyl, which radicals are unsubstituted or substituted by one or more groups selected from

halogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxy and (C₁-C₄)-alkylthio and, in the case of cyclic radicals, also (C₁-C₄)-alkyl and (C₁-C₄)-haloalkyl,

R³¹ is hydrogen,

R³² is halogen, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy,
 5 (C₁-C₄)-alkylsulfonyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxycarbonyl or (C₁-C₄)-alkylcarbonyl, by preference halogen, (C₁-C₄)-haloalkyl such as trifluoromethyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxycarbonyl or (C₁-C₄)-alkylsulfonyl,

R³³ is hydrogen,

R³⁴ is halogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, (C₃-C₆)-
 10 cycloalkyl, phenyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, cyano, (C₁-C₄)-alkylthio, (C₁-C₄)-alkylsulfonyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkylsulfonyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxycarbonyl or (C₁-C₄)-alkylcarbonyl, by preference halogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-haloalkyl such as trifluoromethyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy or (C₁-C₄)-alkylthio,

n is zero, 1 or 2 and

15 t is 1 or 2.

Furthermore preferred are antidotes of the formula (V) in which

X³ is CH;

R³⁵ is hydrogen; or R³⁵ is (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₃-C₆)-cycloalkyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkenyl, (C₅-C₆)-
 20 cycloalkenyl, phenyl or 3- to 6-membered heterocyclyl having up to three hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur, which radicals are optionally substituted by one or more groups which may be the same or different selected from halogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, (C₁-C₆)-haloalkoxy, (C₁-C₂)-alkylsulfonyl, (C₁-C₂)-alkylsulfonyl, (C₃-C₆)-cycloalkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxycarbonyl, (C₁-
 25 C₄)-alkylcarbonyl and phenyl and in the case of cyclic radicals, also (C₁-C₄)-alkyl and (C₁-C₄)-haloalkyl;

R³⁶ is hydrogen; or R³⁶ is (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkenyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkynyl, which radicals are optionally substituted by one or more groups which may be the same or different selected from halogen, hydroxyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy and (C₁-
 30 C₄)-alkylthio;

R³⁷ is halogen, (C₁-C₄)-haloalkyl, (C₁-C₄)-haloalkoxy, nitro, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, (C₁-C₄)-alkylsulfonyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxycarbonyl or (C₁-C₄)-alkylcarbonyl;

R³⁸ is hydrogen;

R^{39} is halogen, nitro, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-haloalkyl, (C₁-C₄)-haloalkoxy, (C₃-C₆)-cycloalkyl, phenyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, cyano, (C₁-C₄)-alkylthio, (C₁-C₄)-alkylsulfinyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkylsulfonyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxycarbonyl or (C₁-C₄)-alkylcarbonyl;

s is zero, 1 or 2, and

5 o is 1 or 2.

The following sub-groups are particularly preferred amongst the antidotes of the formula (VI):

- compounds in which R^{48} and R^{49} are H, (C₁-C₈)-alkyl, phenyl, phenyl-(C₁-C₈)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy-(C₁-C₈)-alkyl, (C₃-C₆)-alkenyl or (C₃-C₆)-alkynyl, it being possible for phenyl rings to be substituted by F, Cl, Br, NO₂, CN, OCH₃, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl or CH₃-SO₂;
- compounds in which R^9 is H;
- compounds in which V is Y-R^h;
- 15 - compounds in which E is oxygen;
- compounds in which Q¹ is CR₂⁴⁷;
- compounds in which R⁴⁷ is hydrogen;
- compounds where m'' = 1 and E is oxygen or sulfur;
- compounds in which m'' = 0;
- 20 - compounds in which R⁴⁰, R⁴¹, R⁴², R⁴³ and R⁴⁴ are in each case hydrogen, E is oxygen, Q¹ is CR₂⁴⁷, V is Y-R^h and m'' = 1, in particular those where R⁴⁷ is H, R^b is CH₃ and Y is oxygen;
- compounds in which Q¹ is CR₂⁴⁷ and m'' is zero, in particular those in which R⁴⁴ and R⁴⁷ are hydrogen and V is Y-R^h, where R^h is by preference methyl and Y is by preference oxygen.
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The most especially preferred antidotes are flurazole, which is benzyl 2-chloro-4-trifluoromethyl-1,3-thiazole-5-carboxylate; fenchlorazole-ethyl, which is ethyl 1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-5-trichloromethyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole-3-carboxylate; fenchlorazole, which is 1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-5-trichloromethyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole-3-carboxylic acid; benoxacor, which is (±)-4-dichloroacetyl-3,4-dihydro-3-methyl-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazine; dichlormid, which is *N,N*-diallyl-2,2-dichloroacetamide; fencloirim, which is 4,6-dichloro-2-phenylpyrimidine; furilazole, which is (*RS*)-3-dichloroacetyl-5-(2-furyl)-2,2-dimethyloxazolidine; mefenpyr-diethyl, which is diethyl (*RS*)-1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-5-methyl-2-pyrazoline-3,5-dicarboxylate; CMPI, which is *N*-(4-chlorophenyl)maleimide; 4-hydroxy-1-methyl-3-(1-*H*-tetrazol-5-

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ylmethanoyl)-1*H*-quinolin-2-one; daimuron, which is 1-(1-methyl-1-phenylethyl)-3-*p*-tolylurea; (S)-MBU, which is (S)-1-(1- α -methylbenzyl)-3-*p*-tolylurea; dimepiperate, which is S-1-methyl-1-phenylethyl piperidine-1-carbothioate; 5,5-diphenylisoxazoline-3-carboxylic acid; and ethyl 5,5-diphenylisoxazoline-3-carboxylate (most preferably fenchlorazole; CMPI; 4-hydroxy-1-methyl-3-(1-*H*-tetrazol-5-ylmethanoyl)-1*H*-quinolin-2-one; (S)-MBU and dimepiperate).

The mixtures of the invention may be used to obtain selective weed control with low crop injury in various crop plants such as maize, soybean, cotton, canola, sugar beet, potatoes, wheat, tobacco, rice and oil seed rape. Preferred crops include maize, sugar beet, cotton and canola. Particularly preferred crop species are maize and soybean, especially maize.

Effective weed control coupled with low crop injury is a result of treatment of a plant locus with a combination of a herbicidal benzoylisoxazole and/or dione derivative and an antidote compound in accordance with the method of the present invention. By application to the 'plant locus' is meant application, for example to the plant growing medium, such as soil, as well as to the seeds, emerging seedlings, roots, stems, leaves or other plant parts.

The phrase 'combination of a herbicidal isoxazole and/or dione derivative and an antidote compound' includes various methods of treatment. For example, the soil of a plant locus may be treated with a "tank-mix" composition containing a mixture of the herbicide and the antidote which is "in combination", or the soil may be treated with the herbicide and antidote compounds separately so that the "combination" may be made on, or in the soil. After such treatments of the soil with a mixture of herbicide and antidote or by separate or sequential application of the herbicide and the antidote to the soil, the herbicide and antidote may be mixed into or incorporated into the soil either by mechanical mixing of the soil with implements or by "watering in" by rainfall or irrigation. The soil of a plant locus may also be treated with antidote by application of the antidote in a dispersible-concentrate form such as a granule. The granule may be applied to a furrow which is prepared for receipt of the crop seed and the herbicide may be applied to the plant locus either before or after in-furrow placement of the antidote-containing granule so that the herbicide and antidote form a "combination". Crop seed may be treated or coated with the antidote compound either while the crop seed is in-furrow just after sowing or, more commonly, the

crop seed may be treated or coated with antidote prior to seeding into a furrow. The herbicide may be applied to the soil plant locus before or after seeding and a "combination" is made when both herbicide and an antidote-coated seed are in the soil.

5 In a preferred method of the invention (a) the herbicidal benzoylisoxazole and/or dione derivative and (b) antidote are applied separately such that the antidote contacts the seed or plant being treated before the herbicidal compound. Separate application can be achieved, for example, by dressing seed with antidote. The seed may also be treated, for example, at the time of planting, for example by
10 applying antidote to seed in a seed furrow or to growing medium (for example soil) which then covers the seed. The herbicidal compound may then be applied to the surface of the growing medium (for example soil) or to a layer of soil above the layer containing antidote.

Apparatus suitable for planting seed, for example in a furrow and applying antidote
15 to a layer of soil to cover the seed is generally known in the art. Herbicide may then be applied to the soil surface, for example by spraying a fluid formulation or distributing a solid formulation.

Separate application can also be achieved, for example, by applying the herbicidal compound and antidote simultaneously, preferably in a single composition, which
20 composition permits contact of the antidote with the seed or plant before contact with the herbicidal compound.

For example the composition may comprise a delayed release formulation of the herbicidal compound, for example the antidote in the composition is released substantially immediately and before delayed release of the herbicidal compound.

25 In one embodiment the method of the invention is preferably performed by applying the antidote directly to the seed before planting. This is generally effected by coating a quantity of crop seed with the antidote and thereafter planting the coated seed.

In a further preferred embodiment of the method of the invention, the antidotes are
30 selected from fenchlorazole; CMPI; 4-hydroxy-1-methyl-3-(1-1H-tetrazol-5-ylmethanoyl)-1H-quinolin-2-one; (S)-MBU and dimepiperate.

The amount of a particular benzoylisoxazole and/or dione herbicide to be applied to the plant locus or crop-growing area will depend upon the nature of the weeds, the particular herbicide used, the time of application, the climate and the nature of the
35 crop. Application rates of from about 0.004kg ha^{-1} to 5kg ha^{-1} herbicide are

generally suitable, with a rate of about 0.01kg ha^{-1} to 2kg ha^{-1} being preferred, and with a rate of 0.005kg ha^{-1} to 0.3kg ha^{-1} being more preferred.

The amount of antidote used in the method of the invention varies according to a number of parameters including the particular antidote employed, the crop to be
5 protected, the amount and rate of herbicide applied, and the edaphic and climatic conditions prevailing. Also, the selection of the specific antidotes for use in the method of the invention, the manner in which it is to be applied and the determination of the activity which is non-phytotoxic but antidotally effective, can be readily performed in accordance with common practice in the art.

10 The antidote is applied in combination with the herbicide in a non-phytotoxic antidotally effective amount. By "non-phytotoxic" is meant an amount of the antidote which causes at most minor or no injury to the desired crop species. By "antidotally-effective" is meant an antidote used in an amount which is effective as an antidote with the herbicide to decrease the extent of injury caused by the
15 herbicide to the desired crop species.

The herbicide/safener combination according to the invention may also be employed for controlling harmful plants in crops of genetically engineered plants which are either known or still to be developed. As a rule, the transgenic plants are distinguished by particular, advantageous properties, for example by resistances to
20 certain crop protection agents, resistances to plant diseases or pathogens causing plant diseases such as particular insects or microorganisms such as fungi, bacteria or viruses. Other particular properties relate for example, to the harvested material in terms of quantity, quality, storing properties, composition and specific constituents. Thus, transgenic plants are known which have an increased starch
25 content or an altered starch quality, or those where the harvested material has a different fatty acid composition.

The use of the combinations according to the invention in economically important transgenic crops of useful plants and ornamentals, for example cereals such as wheat, barley, rye, oats, panic grasses, rice, cassava and maize or else crops of
30 sugar beet, cotton, soya, oilseed rape, potatoes, tomatoes, peas and other types of vegetables.

When the combinations according to the invention are applied in transgenic crops, effects on harmful plants to be observed in other crops are frequently accompanied
35 by effects which are specific for application in the transgenic crop in question, for

example an altered or specifically widened weed spectrum which can be controlled, altered application rates which may be used, preferably good compatibility with the herbicides to which the transgenic crop is resistant, and altered growth and yield of the transgenic crop plants.

- 5 The invention therefore also relates to the use of the combination according to the invention for controlling harmful plants in transgenic crop plants.

The following non-limiting examples illustrate the invention wherein Antidote A is ethyl 5,5-diphenylisoxazoline-3-carboxylate and Antidote B is 5,5-
10 diphenylisoxazoline-3-carboxylic acid.

Example 1

Maize seeds were sown in non-sterile loam and safener, dissolved in acetone was applied to the soil surface. After 30 minutes a treatment of herbicide, Compound
15 A [5-cyclopropyl-4-(2-methylsulphonyl-4-trifluoromethylbenzoyl) isoxazole] was applied to the treated soil.

A visual assessment of the percentage phytotoxicity (measured as a reduction in green plant matter or plant height) compared to an untreated control was made 14 days after treatment (DAT).

20 Maize seeds were sown in non-sterile loam and grown up to a 1.5 -2 leaf stage. Antidote, dissolved in acetone, was applied post-emergence to the soil surface. After 30 minutes a treatment of herbicide, Compound A [5-cyclopropyl-4-(2-methylsulphonyl-4-trifluoromethylbenzoyl) isoxazole] was applied to the treated soil.

25 A visual assessment of the percentage phytotoxicity compared with an untreated control was made 14 DAT.

Pre-emergence activity of Compound A on maize in the presence of antidotes.

	<u>g/ha of antidote</u>	<u>% phytotoxicity</u>
Cpd A	63	15
Cpd A + mefenpyr-diethyl	63	8.75
Cpd A + fenchlorazole-ethyl	63	11.3
Cpd A + Antidote A	63	11.3
Cpd A + Antidote B	63	8.75

Post-emergence activity of Compound A (63g/ha) on maize in the presence of antidotes.

	<u>g/ha of antidote</u>	<u>% phytotoxicity</u>
Cpd A	63	27.5
Cpd A + mefenpyr-diethyl	63	25
Cpd A + fenchlorazole-ethyl	63	27.5
Cpd A + Antidote A	63	5
Cpd A + Antidote B	63	5

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Post-emergence activity of Compound A (125g/ha) on maize in the presence of antidotes.

	<u>g/h of antidote</u>	<u>% phytotoxicity</u>
Cpd A	125	43
Cpd A + Antidote A	31	15
Cpd A + Antidote A	63	10
Cpd A + Antidote A	125	15
Cpd A + Antidote B	31	19
Cpd A + Antidote B	63	18
Cpd A + Antidote B	125	25

According to a further feature of the present invention, there are provided
 10 herbicidal compositions comprising:

(a) a herbicidally effective amount of a benzoylisoxazole and/or dione derivative of formula (I) or an agriculturally acceptable salt or metal complex thereof; and
(b) an antidotally effective amount of an antidote compound or an agriculturally acceptable salt thereof;

5 in association with, and preferably homogeneously dispersed in, one or more compatible herbicidally- acceptable diluents or carriers and/or surface-active agents (i.e. diluents or carriers or surface-active agents of the type generally acceptable in the art as being suitable for use in herbicidal compositions and which are compatible with the herbicides of the present invention). In preferred compositions
10 the antidote contacts the seed or plant being treated before the herbicidal compound. For example, the herbicidal compound may be in a delayed release composition. The term "homogeneously dispersed" is used to include compositions in which the benzoylisoxazole and/or dione of formula (I) and antidote are dissolved in the other components. The term "herbicidal composition" is used in a
15 broad sense to include not only compositions which are ready for use as herbicides but also concentrates which must be diluted before use.

The ratio of herbicide to antidote may vary depending upon the crop to be protected, weed to be inhibited, herbicide used, etc., but normally an herbicide-to-antidote ratio ranging from 1:25 to 60:1 parts by weight may be
20 employed, although much higher rates of antidote may be used, e.g., 1:100 to 1:300 parts by weight of herbicide to-antidote. The preferred weight ratio of herbicide-to-antidote is from 1:10 to 30:1. Another preferred weight range ratio is from 1:1 to 20:1, with an even more preferred weight ratio range from 2:1 to 15:1.

25 Preferably, the compositions contain from 0.05 to 90% by weight of benzoylisoxazole and/or dione of formula (I) and antidote.

The herbicidal composition may contain solid and liquid carriers and surface-active agents (e.g. wetters, dispersants or emulsifiers alone or in combination). Surface-active agents that may be present in the herbicidal compositions of the present
30 invention may be of the ionic or non-ionic types, for example sulphoricinoleates, quaternary ammonium derivatives, products based on condensates of ethylene oxide with nonyl- or octyl-phenols, or carboxylic acid esters of anhydrosorbitols which have been rendered soluble by etherification of the free hydroxy groups by condensation with ethylene oxide, alkali and alkaline earth metal salts of sulphuric
35 acid esters and sulphonic acids such as dinonyl- and dioctyl-sodium sulphono-

succinates and alkali and alkaline earth metal salts of high molecular weight sulphonic acid derivatives such as sodium and calcium lignosulphonates. Examples of suitable solid diluents or carriers are aluminium silicate, talc, calcined magnesia, kieselguhr, tricalcium phosphate, powdered cork, absorbent carbon black and clays such as kaolin and bentonite. Examples of suitable liquid diluents include water, acetophenone, cyclohexanone, isophorone, toluene, xylene, and mineral, animal, and vegetable oils (these diluents may be used alone or in combination).

Herbicidal compositions according to the present invention may also contain, if desired, conventional adjuvants such as adhesives, protective colloids, thickeners, penetrating agents, stabilisers, sequestering agents, anti-caking agents, colouring agents and corrosion inhibitors. These adjuvants may also serve as carriers or diluents.

Granular formulations may be prepared by absorbing the compounds of the present invention (dissolved in suitable solvents, which may, if desired, be volatile) onto the solid diluents or carriers in granular form and, if desired, evaporating the solvents, or by granulating compositions in powder form obtained as described above.

Powders, dispersible granules and liquid compositions in the form of concentrates may be diluted with water or other suitable diluents, for example mineral or vegetable oils, particularly in the case of liquid concentrates in which the diluent or carrier is an oil, to give compositions ready for use.

The wettable powders (or powders for spraying) usually contain from 20 to 95% of combination, and they usually contain, in addition to the solid vehicle, from 0 to 5% of a wetting agent, from 3 to 10% of a dispersant agent and if necessary, from 0 to 10% of one or more stabilisers and/or other additives such as penetrating agents, adhesives or anti-caking agents and colourings.

The aqueous suspension concentrates, which are applicable by spraying, are prepared in such a way as to obtain a stable fluid product (by fine grinding) which does not settle out and they usually contain from 10 to 75% of combination, from 0.5 to 15% of surface acting agents, from 0.1 to 10% of thixotropic agents, from 0 to 10% of suitable additives such as antifoams, corrosion inhibitors, stabilisers, and water or an organic liquid in which the active substance is sparingly soluble or insoluble. Some organic solid substances or inorganic salts can be dissolved in order to assist in preventing sedimentation or as antifreeze for the water.

Application of the herbicide, antidote, or mixture thereof, can be carried out by conventional techniques utilizing, for example, hand-carried or tractor-mounted spreaders, power dusters, boom and hand sprayers, spray dusters, and granular applicators. If desired, application of the compositions of the invention to plants
5 can be accomplished by incorporating the compositions in the soil or other media. Herbicidal compositions according to the present invention may also comprise (a) and (b) in association with, and preferably homogeneously dispersed in, one or more other pesticidally active compounds and, if desired one or more compatible pesticidally acceptable diluents and carriers. Examples of other pesticidally active
10 ingredients include fungicides, insecticides, plant growth regulators and, most preferably, herbicides.

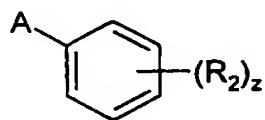
The optional partner herbicides which may be combined with the derivatives of formula (I) and antidote are preferably selected from chloroacetamides (e.g. metolachlor, acetochlor, alachlor), sulfonylureas, thiocarbamates,
15 dithiocarbamates, metribuzin, sulfentrazone, flumetsulam, clorasulam-methyl, oxasulfuron, flumiclorac, bentazon, chlorimuron, linuron, clomazone, dimethenamid, pendimethalin, trifluralin, clethodim and acifluorfen, bifenox, diflufenican, diuron, atrazine and ametryne.

According to a further feature of the present invention there is provided a product
20 comprising:

- (a) a herbicidally effective amount of a benzoylisoxazole and/or dione derivative of formula (I), or an agriculturally acceptable salt or metal complex thereof; and
 - (b) an antidotally effective amount of an antidote compound or an agriculturally acceptable salt thereof;
- 25 as a combined preparation for separate, simultaneous or sequential use in the control of weeds at a crop locus, the antidote preferably contacting the seed or plant before the herbicidal compound.

CLAIMS

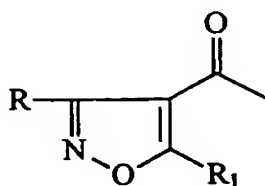
1. A method of reducing phytotoxicity to a crop (especially maize) at a locus caused by the application thereto of a herbicidal benzoylisoaxazole and/or dione derivative of formula (I):



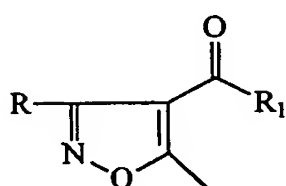
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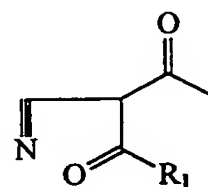
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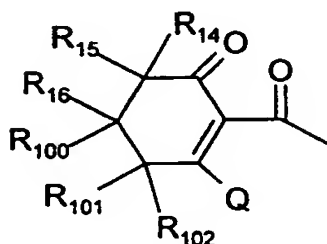
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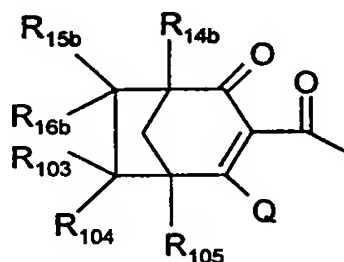
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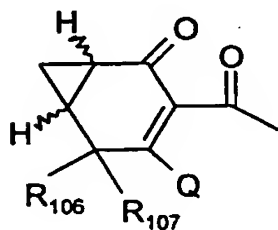
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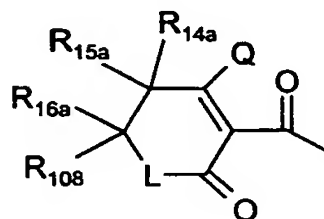
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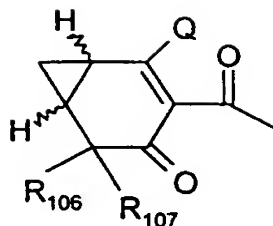


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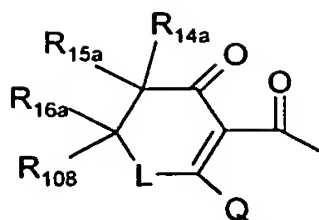


(A-7)

or a corresponding formula (A-6a) or (A-7a):



(A-6a)



(A-7a)

- in which the position of the carbonyl group and the group Q are reversed and the double bond in the ring is attached to the carbon atom attached to the group Q;
- 5 R is a hydrogen atom or a halogen atom; a straight- or branched chain alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl group containing from one to six carbon atoms which is optionally substituted by one or more halogen atoms; a cycloalkyl group containing from 3 to 6 carbon atoms optionally substituted by one or more groups R⁵, one or more halogen atoms or a group -CO₂R³; or a group selected from -CO₂R³, -COR⁵,
- 10 cyano, nitro, -CONR³R⁴ and -S(O)_kR¹³;

R¹ is a straight- or branched-chain alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl group containing up to six carbon atoms which is optionally substituted by one or more halogen atoms; or a cycloalkyl group containing from three to six carbon atoms optionally substituted by one or more groups R⁵ or one or more halogen atoms;

- 15 R² is a halogen atom; a straight- or branched-chain alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl group containing up to six carbon atoms which is optionally substituted by one or more halogen atoms; a straight- or branched-chain alkyl group containing up to six carbon atoms which is substituted by one or more groups -OR⁵; or a group selected from nitro, cyano, -CO₂R⁵, -S(O)_pR⁶, -O(CH₂)_mOR⁵, -COR⁵, -NR¹¹R¹²,
- 20 -N(R⁸)SO₂R⁷, -N(R⁸)CO₂R⁷, -OR⁵, -OSO₂R⁷, -SO₂NR³R⁴, -CONR³R⁴, -CSNR³R⁴, -(CR⁹R¹⁰)_y-S(O)_qR⁷ and -SF₅;

- or two groups R², on adjacent carbon atoms of the phenyl ring may, together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached, form a 5 to 7 membered saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic ring containing up to three ring heteroatoms selected
- 25 from nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur, which ring is optionally substituted by one or more groups selected from halogen, nitro, -S(O)_pR¹³, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, C₁₋₄ haloalkyl, C₁₋₄ haloalkoxy, =O (or a 5- or 6-membered cyclic acetal there f),

and $=\text{NO-R}^3$, it being understood that a sulphur atom, where present in the ring, may be in the form of a group $-\text{SO}-$ or $-\text{SO}_2-$;

z is an integer from one to five: when z is greater than one the groups R^2 may be the same or different;

5 R^3 , R^4 and R^{109} are each independently a hydrogen atom, or a straight- or branched chain alkyl group containing up to six carbon atoms which is optionally substituted by one or more halogen atoms;

R^5 and R^{110} are each independently a straight- or branched-chain alkyl group containing up to six carbon atoms which is optionally substituted by one or more
10 halogen atoms or a straight- or branched-chain alkenyl or alkynyl group containing from two to six (preferably from three to six) carbon atoms which is optionally substituted by one or more halogen atoms;

R^6 and R^7 , which may be the same or different, are each R^5 ; or phenyl optionally substituted by from one to five groups which may be the same or different
15 selected from a halogen atom, a straight- or branched-chain alkyl group containing up to six carbon atoms which is optionally substituted by one or more halogen atoms, nitro, cyano, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^5$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_p\text{R}^{13}$, $-\text{NR}^{11}\text{NR}^{12}$, $-\text{OR}^5$ and $-\text{CONR}^3\text{R}^4$;

R^8 , R^9 and R^{10} are each a hydrogen atom or R^6 ;

R^{11} and R^{12} are each a hydrogen atom or R^5 ;

20 R^{13} and R^{111} are each a straight- or branched-chain alkyl group containing up to six carbon atoms which is optionally substituted by one or more halogen atoms;

Q is hydroxy, C1-6 alkoxy, OR^{112} , SR^{112} or SR^{111} ;

L is oxygen or NR^{109} ;

R^{14} , R^{14a} , R^{14b} , R^{15} , R^{15a} , R^{15b} , R^{16} , R^{16a} , R^{16b} , R^{100} , R^{101} , R^{102} , R^{103} ,
25 R^{104} , R^{105} , R^{106} , R^{107} and R^{108} are each the same or different groups selected from hydrogen, R^{110} , $-(\text{CH}_2)_u\text{CO}_2\text{R}^{109}$, halogen, cyano, C1-6 alkoxy, $-(\text{CH}_2)_x$ -[phenyl optionally substituted by from one to five groups R^{113} which may be the same or different], and cycloalkyl containing from three to six carbon atoms optionally substituted by C1-6 alkyl or $-\text{S}(\text{O})_p\text{R}^{111}$;

30 R^{112} is phenyl optionally substituted by from n to five groups selected from halogen, C1-6 alkyl, C1-6 haloalkyl, C1-6 alkoxy and nitro;

R^{113} is a group selected from halogen, R^{114} , nitro, cyano, $-CO_2R^{115}$, $-S(O)_pR^{111}$, $-OR^{111}$ and $-NR^{115}R^{116}$;

R^{114} is a straight- or branched- chain alkyl group containing one to three carbon atoms optionally substituted by one or more halogen atoms;

5 R^{115} and R^{116} which may be the same or different, are each a hydrogen atom or R^{110} ;

p , q and u are each independently zero, one or two;

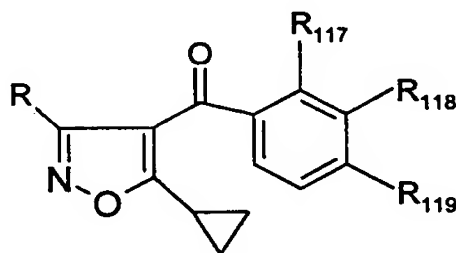
k and m are each one, two or three;

x is zero or one;

10 y is an integer from one to four; when y is greater than one, the groups R^9 and R^{10} may be the same or different;

or an agriculturally acceptable salt or metal complex thereof; which method comprises applying to the locus of the crop, preferably before the herbicidal compound, an antidotally effective amount of an antidote compound, and optional
15 partner herbicide.

2. A method according to claim 1 in which the isoxazole or dione herbicide has the general formula (Ia):



(Ia)

are those wherein:

R is hydrogen or $-CO_2Et$;

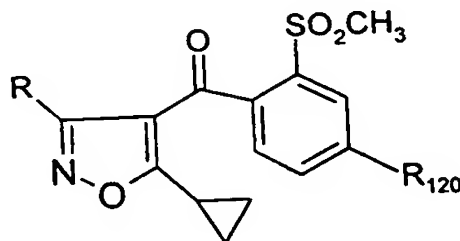
R^{117} is selected from $-S(O)_pMe$, Me, Et, a chlorine, bromine or fluorine atom, methoxy, ethoxy and $-CH_2S(O)_qMe$;

25 R^{118} is selected from a hydrogen atom, a chlorine, bromine or fluorine atom, methoxy, ethoxy and $-S(O)_pMe$;

R^{119} is selected from a hydrogen atom, a chlorine, bromine or fluorine atom, methoxy and CF_3 ; and

p and q each independently have the values zero, one or two.

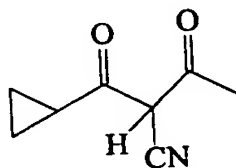
3. A method according to claim 1 or 2 in which the isoxazole or dione herbicide has the general formula (Ib):



(Ib)

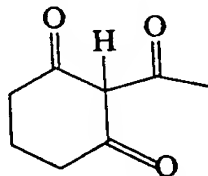
wherein R^{120} is chlorine, bromine or trifluoromethyl; and R is hydrogen or $-CO_2Et$.

4. A method according to any one of the preceding claims in which a substituted phenyl ring as defined in formulae (I); (Ia); or (Ib) as depicted in claim 1, 2 or 3 is attached to a grouping;



5. A method according to claim 4 in which the phenyl ring is substituted by two groups independently selected from halogen, alkyl, $S(O)_p$ alkyl ($p = 0, 1$ or 2) or haloalkyl.

6. A method according to claim 1, 2 or 3 in which a substituted phenyl ring as defined above in formula (I); (Ia); or (Ib) is attached to a grouping;



7. A method according to claim 1 wherein the compound of formula (I) is:
 5-cyclopropyl-4-[2-chloro-3-ethoxy-4-(ethylsulphonyl)benzoyl]isoxazole;
 4-(4-chloro-2-methylsulphonylbenzoyl)-5-cyclopropylisoxazole;
 5-cyclopropyl-4-(2-methylsulphonyl-4-trifluoromethylbenzoyl)isoxazole;
 4-(4-bromo-2-methylsulphonylbenzoyl)-5-cyclopropylisoxazole;
 5-cyclopropyl-4-[4-fluoro-3-methoxy-2-(methylsulphonyl)benzoyl]isoxazole;

- 4-(4-bromo-2-methylsulphonylmethylbenzoyl)-5-cyclopropylisoxazole;
ethyl 5-cyclopropyl-4-(2-methylsulphonyl-4-trifluoromethylbenzoyl) isoxazole-3-carboxylate;
2-[2-chloro-(4-methylsulphonyl)benzoyl]-1,3-cyclohexanedione;
5 2-[2-nitro-(4-methylsulphonyl)benzoyl]-1,3-cyclohexanedione;
2-(2,3-dihydro-5,8-dimethyl-1,1-dioxospiro[4H-1-benzothiine-4,2' [1,3]dioxolan]-6-ylcarbonyl)cyclohexane-1,3-dione;
5-cyclopropyl-4-(2-methylsulphonyl-4-trifluoromethylbenzoyl)-3-methylthioisoxazole; and
10 2-cyano-3-cyclopropyl-1-(2-methylsulphonyl-4-trifluoromethylphenyl) propan-1,3-dione.
8. A method according to claim 7 in which the compound is
5-cyclopropyl-4-(2-methylsulphonyl-4-trifluoromethylbenzoyl)isoxazole or 2-[2-nitro-(4-methylsulphonyl)benzoyl]-1,3-cyclohexanedione.
- 15 9. A method according to claim 1 in which the antidote is selected from:
flurazole; fenchlorazole-ethyl; fenchlorazole; benoxacor; dichlormid; fenclorim;
furilazole; mefenpyr-diethyl; CMPI; 4-hydroxy-1-methyl-3-(1-*H*-tetrazol-5-ylmethanoyl)-1-*H*-quinolin-2-one; daimuron; (S)-MBU; dimepiperate; 5,5-diphenylisoxazoline-3-carboxylic acid; and ethyl 5,5-diphenylisoxazoline-3-
20 carboxylate.
10. A method according to claim 1 in which the antidote is selected from
fenchlorazole; CMPI; 4-hydroxy-1-methyl-3-(1-*H*-tetrazol-5-ylmethanoyl)-1-*H*-quinolin-2-one; (S)-MBU and dimepiperate.
11. A method according to any one of the preceding claims in which the crop
25 plant to be protected is maize.
12. A method according to claim 1 in which the application rate of the
benzoylisoxazole and/or dione of formula (I) is from 0.004kg to 5kg per hectare.
13. A method according to claim 1 in which the application rate of the
benzoylisoxazole and/or dione of formula (I) is from 0.01kg to 2kg per hectare.
- 30 14. A method according to any one of the preceding claims in which (a) the
herbicidal benzoylisoxazole and/or dione derivative and (b) antidote are applied
separately such that the antidote contacts the seed or plant being treated before
the herbicidal compound.
15. A herbicidal composition comprising:

- (a) a herbicidally effective amount of a benzoylisoxazole and/or dione derivative of formula (I) or an agriculturally acceptable salt or metal complex thereof, optionally in combination with a partner herbicide; and
- (b) an antidotally effective amount of an antidote compound;
- 5 in association with a herbicidally acceptable diluent or carrier and/or surface active agent.
16. A composition according to claim 15 which comprises the component (a) as a delayed release formulation.
17. A composition according to claim 15 or 16 in which the weight ratio of the
- 10 compound of formula (I):antidote is from 1:25 to 60:1.
18. A product comprising:
- (a) a herbicidally effective amount of a benzoylisoxazole and/or dione derivative of formula (I), or an agriculturally acceptable salt or metal complex thereof; and
- (b) an antidotally effective amount of an antidote;
- 15 wherein said antidote is antidotally effective to said benzoylisoxazole and/or dione derivative;
- as a combined preparation for separate, simultaneous or sequential use in the control of weeds at a locus.
19. A product according to claim 18 as a combined preparation for use in which
- 20 the antidote contacts the seed or plant being treated before the herbicidal compound.
20. A method according to claim 1 substantially as hereinbefore described.
21. A composition according to claim 15 substantially as hereinbefore described.
- 25 22. A product according to claim 18 substantially as hereinbefore described.

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

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Applicant AVENTIS CROPSOURCE UK LIMITED et al.			
<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of 10 sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of sheets.</p>			
<p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority III <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement VI <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited VII <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application VIII <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application 			
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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

Description, pages:

1-35 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-22 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
- ☐ the claims, Nos.:
- ☐ the drawings, sheets:

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

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(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

III. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

1. The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

- ☐ the entire international application.
- ☒ claims Nos. 20-22.

because:

- ☐ the said international application, or the said claims Nos. relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*):
- ☒ the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. 20-22 are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):
see separate sheet
- ☐ the claims, or said claims Nos. are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.
- ☐ no international search report has been established for the said claims Nos. .

2. A meaningful international preliminary examination cannot be carried out due to the failure of the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing to comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions:

- ☐ the written form has not been furnished or does not comply with the standard.
- ☐ the computer readable form has not been furnished or does not comply with the standard.

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims
	No:	Claims 1-19
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims
	No:	Claims 1-19
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims 1-19

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No: Claims

2. Citations and explanations
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VI. Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

and / or

2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)

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VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:
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VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:
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Re Item III

Claims 20-22 do not meet the requirements of Art. 6 PCT in that the matter for which protection is sought is not clearly defined. The expression "substantially as hereinbefore described" is not clear and does not enable the skilled person to determine which technical features define the corresponding claimed matter. As a matter of fact, it appears that said claims do not differ from the independent claims to which they refer, namely claims 1, 15 and 18.

As a consequence, no opinion with regard to novelty and inventive step has been given for claims 20-22.

Should the present application enter the regional European phase, an objection under Art. 84 EPC would be raised against said claims which should thus preferably be deleted.

Re Item V

The following documents, cited in the I.S.R., have been considered as relevant for the examination of the present application. Their numbering will be adhered to for the rest of the procedure.

- D1: PESTICIDE SCIENCE, vol. 50, 1997, pages 83-84
- D2: JOURNAL OF PESTICIDE SCIENCE, vol. 21, 1996, pages 473-478
- D3: EP-A-0 551 650 (HOECHST AG) 21 July 1993 (1993-07-21)
- D4: US-A-5 516 750 (WILLMS et al.) 14 May 1996 (1996-05-14)
- D5: US-A-5 627 131 (SHRIBBS et al.) 6 May 1997 (1997-05-06)
- D6: DATABASE CHEMABS [Online], accession no. 131:318890 CA & WEED SCI., vol. 47, no. 4, 1999, pages 375-382 ¹
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D15: WEED SCIENCE, vol. 47, no. 5, 1999, pages 492-497

I. Novelty

- I.1 Documents D1 and D2 disclose herbicides of the benzoylisoxazole type (D1) and the dione type (D2) and the mode of action thereof. Since none of these documents discloses the use of an antidote together with these herbicidal compounds, **the subject-matter of claims 1-19 can be considered as novel over the content of D1 and D2.**
- I.2 Documents D3, D5, D6 and D8-D10 disclose herbicide-safener combinations, that is herbicidal systems containing an antidote together with the herbicidally active compound. The content of said documents anticipates the novelty of presently claimed matter as there is an overlap between the formulae given for the herbicidal compounds disclosed in said documents and formula (I) of claim 1 defining the herbicidal derivatives used according to present application and all these documents disclose the use of an antidote for the herbicides involved. This is evidenced in further details as follows.
- a) The trione derivatives of D3, namely the 2-acylated 1,3-dicarbonyl-compounds of Formula (A) (see P. 3, lines 9-44), fall into the scope of formula (I) of claim 1 where the group A signifies (A-4), (A-5), (A-6), (A-7), (A-6a) or (A-7a) and Q is OH, thereby anticipating the subject-matter of claims 1, 6-8, 11 and 14-19 of present application. Moreover, the antidotes of formulae (B1) and (B2) in D3 (see P. 4. line 8 - P. 5, line 57) correspond to the compounds of formula (II) and (III) given in the description as

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a preferred class of antidotes according to present application (see P. 10, line 11 - P. 11, line 16), thereby leading to another overlap. Among the examples of antidotes disclosed in D3, the compound (B1-6) named fenchlorazole falls into the scope of claims 9 and 10 which list preferred examples of antidotes according to present application.

b) The herbicides disclosed in D5, namely the 4-benzoylisoxazole compounds of formula (I) (see col. 3, line 1 - col. 4, line 18) and the 2-cyano-1,3-dione compounds of formula (II) (see col. 6, lines 30-67)) fall into the scope of formula (I) of claim 1 where the group A signifies (A-1) or (A-3), respectively, thereby anticipating the subject-matter of claims 1-5, 7, 8 and 11-19. Among the list of preferred antidotes used according to D5 (see col. 10, line 47 - col. 11, line 5), the compounds N,N-diallyl dichloroacetamide (generally known as dichlormid) (col. 10, line 52) and 4-(dichloroacetyl)-3,4-dihydro-3-methyl-2H-1,4-benzoxazine (generally known as benoxacor) (col. 10, lines 54-55) fall into the scope of claim 9.

c) The tank-mixtures disclosed in D6 contain isoxaflutole (RP-201772) as a herbicide and benoxacor (CGA-154281) or furilazole (MON-13900) as antidote (see abstract, P. 375). The herbicide isoxaflutole has a structure which falls into the scope of formula (I) of claim 1, wherein $A = (A-1)$, $R = H$, $R^1 = c-C_3H_5$, $R^2 = 2-SO_3Me$, $4-CF_3$ and $z = 2$, thereby anticipating the subject-matter of claims 1-3, 5, 7, 8 and 11-19. Moreover the two antidotes used fall into the scope of claim 9.

d) The compound isoxaflutole is also used as a herbicide in D8 (see formula (II), P.2, bottom), where it is used in combination with other herbicidal compounds. The use of a safener like benoxacor is also described (see P. 4, lines 13-14), thereby anticipating the subject-matter of claims 1-3, 5, 7-9 and 11-19.

e) The 2-acylated 1,3-dicarbonyl-compounds of formula (I) disclosed in D9 (see P. 5, lines 21-37), in particular the preferred compounds of formula (II) (see P. 5, line 41 - P. 6, line 17), fall into the scope of formula (I) of claim 1 where the group A signifies (A-4) or (A-7) and Q is OH, thereby anticipating the subject-matter of claims 1, 6-8 and 11-19. Among the preferred antidotes used according to D9, the compound (1), N,N-diallyl dichloroacetamide (generally known as dichlormid) (P. 18, lines 28-34), falls into the scope of claim 9.

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f) The 2-benzoyl 1,3-dicarbonyl-compounds of formula (I) disclosed in D10 (see P. 2, lines 18-45) fall into the scope of formula (I) of claim 1 where the group A signifies (A-4) and Q is OH, thereby anticipating the subject-matter of claims 1, 6-8 and 11-19. Among the examples of antidotes disclosed in D10, the compound (B8) named dimepiperate (see P. 3, line 65 - P. 4, line 9) falls into the scope of claims 9 and 10.

As a conclusion, the subject-matter of claims 1-5 and 7-19 cannot be considered as novel over the content of D5, D6 and D8. Moreover, the novelty of the subject-matter of claims 1 and 6-19 cannot be acknowledged with respect to the content of D3, D9 and D10.

I.3 Document D4 discloses 5,5-disubstituted isoxazoline derivatives and the use thereof as safeners in herbicidal compositions. There is an overlap between the compounds of formula (I) disclosed in D4 (see col. 1, line 59 - col. 5, line 20) and the antidotes of formula (II) with W = (W-4) described in the description as one class of preferred antidotes according to present application (see P. 10, line 11 - P. 11, line 16). For instance, compound 18 of D4 (see Table 1, col. 18-19), namely 5,5-diphenyl-2-isoxazoline-3-carboxylic acid, falls within the scope of claim 9. Moreover, the safeners of D4 are used in combination with various types of herbicides, as for example compounds of class (H) (see col. 14, lines 3-8) which fall into the scope of formula (I) of claim 1 where the group A signifies (A-4) and Q is OH. **Hence, the subject-matter of claims 1, 6-9, 11 and 14-19 cannot be considered as novel over D4.**

I.4 Document D7 discloses compounds used as antidotes in herbicidal compositions. There is an overlap between formula (I) defining said compounds (see P. 1, line 5 - P. 3, line 5) and formula (VI) given in the description to define one class of preferred antidotes according to present application (see P. 14, line 27 - P. 16, line 11). Nevertheless none of the examples disclosed in D7 falls within the scope of claim 9 or 10.

However, the safeners of D7 are used in combination with various types of herbicides, as for example compound (VII) named isoxaflutole (see P. 34, 4th paragraph, and P. 39, top) which falls into the scope of formula (I) of claim 1 wherein

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A = (A-1), R = H, R¹ = c-C₃H₅, R² = 2-SO₃Me, 4-CF₃ and z = 2. As a consequence, the subject-matter of claims 1-3, 5, 7, 8 and 11-19 cannot be considered as novel over D7.

- I.5 Documents D11-D15, as published after the date of priority upon which the claimed application as filed is based to claim a priority right (08.09.99), are not prior art under Rule 64.1 PCT.

Nevertheless, the validity of the priority right claimed by present application as filed could not be checked by the IPEA for the time being, due to the unavailability of complete priority documents. Therefore, the question whether the content of said documents could be regarded as prior art under Art. 54(2) EPC, in the regional European Proceedings to come, will only be examined upon provision of complete documents to permit a proper investigation as to the validity of said priority rights.

- I.6 As a conclusion, claims 1-19 do not meet the requirements of Art. 33(2) PCT.

Should the present application enter the regional European phase, the Applicant would be requested to reformulate the claimed matter in order to render it novel with respect to documents D1-D10. This could only be achieved by clearly delimiting the scope of presently claimed matter from the compositions disclosed in said documents, i.e. by restricting it to such an extent that there remains no overlapping matter between the application and the prior art.

II. Inventive step

At present the question of inventive step concerning presently claimed matter can not be assessed, since the subject-matter of present application has not been considered as novel.

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Should the Applicant provide, upon entry in the regional European phase, a new set of claims which would fulfil the novelty criteria defined in Art. 54 EPC, in accordance with the requirements of Art. 123(2) EPC, he would also be invited to furnish an appropriate argumentation or technical evidence to show that the novel compositions and methods provide an advantage or surprising feature when they are compared to the prior art compositions and methods in the above mentioned documents.

Re Item VII

1. Upon entering the regional European phase, the documents D3-D10 should be quoted and briefly discussed in the description, to satisfy the requirements of Rule 27(1b) EPC.
2. Whilst carrying out any amendment or correction upon entry into the regional European phase, care should be taken that the requirements of Art. 123(2) EPC are not transgressed.

Re Item VIII

Should the present application enter the regional European phase, the following objection concerning clarity would have to be dealt with.

1. Claim 4 lacks clarity as a whole (Art. 6 PCT). It is not clear which "substituted phenyl ring" is referred to and in which position the grouping depicted in said claim is attached thereto. A clarification is requested.
For instance, if, as it appears to be the case, said grouping represents a preferred embodiment of the group A defined in claim 1, claim 4 should be reformulated in such a way that this becomes clear and reference should only be made to claim 1, but not to claim 2 or 3 which concern other preferred embodiments of the claimed method.

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Le soussigné requiert que la présente demande internationale soit traitée conformément au Traité de coopération en matière de brevets.

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Cette personne est déposant pour :

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☐ tous les États désignés sauf les États-Unis d'Amérique

☒ les États-Unis d'Amérique seulement

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Cadre n° V DÉSIGNATION D'ÉTATS

Les désignations suivantes sont faites conformément à la règle 4.9.a) (cocher les cases appropriées; une au moins doit l'être):

Brevet régional


- ☒ **AP** Brevet **ARIPO** : **GH** Ghana, **GM** Gambie, **KE** Kenya, **LS** Lesotho, **MW** Malawi, **SD** Soudan, **SL** Sierra Leone, **SZ** Swaziland, **TZ** République-Unie de Tanzanie, **UG** Ouganda, **ZW** Zimbabwe et tout autre État qui est un État contractant du Protocole de Harare et du PCT
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- ☒ **EP** Brevet européen : **AT** Autriche, **BE** Belgique, **CH** et **LI** Suisse et Liechtenstein, **CY** Chypre, **DE** Allemagne, **DK** Danemark, **ES** Espagne, **FI** Finlande, **FR** France, **GB** Royaume-Uni, **GR** Grèce, **IE** Irlande, **IT** Italie, **LU** Luxembourg, **MC** Monaco, **NL** Pays-Bas, **PT** Portugal, **SE** Suède et tout autre État qui est un État contractant de la Convention sur le brevet européen et du PCT
- ☒ **OA** Brevet **OAPI** : **BF** Burkina Faso, **BJ** Bénin, **CF** République centrafricaine, **CG** Congo, **CI** Côte d'Ivoire, **CM** Cameroun, **GA** Gabon, **GN** Guinée, **GW** Guinée-Bissau, **ML** Mali, **MR** Mauritanie, **NE** Niger, **SN** Sénégal, **TD** Tchad, **TG** Togo et tout autre État qui est un État membre de l'OAPI et un État contractant du PCT (si une autre forme de protection ou de traitement est souhaitée, le préciser sur la ligne pointillée)

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item (2) 19.05.2000	00 12090-7	United Kingdom		
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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF
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13.12.2001

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PH 99052G2

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

International application No.
PCT/EP00/09339

International filing date (day/month/year)
08/09/2000

Priority date (day/month/year)
08/09/1999

Applicant

AVENTIS CROPSOURCE UK LIMITED et al.

1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.
2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.
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The applicant must enter the national phase before each elected Office by performing certain acts (filing translations and paying national fees) within 30 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices) (Article 39(1)) (see also the reminder sent by the International Bureau with Form PCT/IB/301).

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Applicant AVENTIS CROPSOURCE UK LIMITED et al.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.


2. This REPORT consists of a total of 10 sheets, including this cover sheet.

- ☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☒ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☒ Certain documents cited
- VII ☒ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☒ Certain observations on the international application

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No. PCT/EP00/09339

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

Description, pages:

1-35 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-22 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
- ☐ the claims, Nos.:
- ☐ the drawings, sheets:

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

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(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

III. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

1. The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

- ☐ the entire international application.
- ☒ claims Nos. 20-22.

because:

- ☐ the said international application, or the said claims Nos. relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*):
- ☒ the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. 20-22 are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):
see separate sheet
- ☐ the claims, or said claims Nos. are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.
- ☐ no international search report has been established for the said claims Nos. .

2. A meaningful international preliminary examination cannot be carried out due to the failure of the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing to comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions:

- ☐ the written form has not been furnished or does not comply with the standard.
- ☐ the computer readable form has not been furnished or does not comply with the standard.

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-19
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-19
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-19

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No: Claims

2. Citations and explanations
see separate sheet

VI. Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

and / or

2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)

see separate sheet

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:
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VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:
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Re Item III

Claims 20-22 do not meet the requirements of Art. 6 PCT in that the matter for which protection is sought is not clearly defined. The expression "substantially as hereinbefore described" is not clear and does not enable the skilled person to determine which technical features define the corresponding claimed matter. As a matter of fact, it appears that said claims do not differ from the independent claims to which they refer, namely claims 1, 15 and 18.

As a consequence, no opinion with regard to novelty and inventive step has been given for claims 20-22.

Should the present application enter the regional European phase, an objection under Art. 84 EPC would be raised against said claims which should thus preferably be deleted.

Re Item V

The following documents, cited in the I.S.R., have been considered as relevant for the examination of the present application. Their numbering will be adhered to for the rest of the procedure.

- D1: PESTICIDE SCIENCE, vol. 50, 1997, pages 83-84
- D2: JOURNAL OF PESTICIDE SCIENCE, vol. 21, 1996, pages 473-478
- D3: EP-A-0 551 650 (HOECHST AG) 21 July 1993 (1993-07-21)
- D4: US-A-5 516 750 (WILLMS et al.) 14 May 1996 (1996-05-14)
- D5: US-A-5 627 131 (SHRIBBS et al.) 6 May 1997 (1997-05-06)
- D6: DATABASE CHEMABS [Online], accession no. 131:318890 CA & WEED SCI., vol. 47, no. 4, 1999, pages 375-382 ¹
- D7: WO 98 13361 A (CIBA GEIGY AG (CH)) 2 April 1998 (1998-04-02)
- D8: WO 97 34485 A (CIBA GEIGY AG (CH)) 25 September 1997 (1997-09-25)

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**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT - SEPARATE SHEET**

International application No. PCT/EP00/09339

- D9: EP-A-0 298 680 (ICI AMERICA INC) 11 January 1989 (1989-01-11)
D10: DE 42 16 880 A (HOECHST AG) 25 November 1993 (1993-11-25)
D11: WO 00 30447 A (BIERINGER et al.) 2 June 2000 (2000-06-02)
D12: WO 99 66795 A (HOECHST SCHERING AGREVO GmbH (DE)) 29 December 1999 (1999-12-29)
D13: WO 00 00031 A (NOVARTIS AG (CH)) 6 January 2000 (2000-01-06)
D14: WO 00 00029 A (NOVARTIS AG (CH)) 6 January 2000 (2000-01-06)
D15: WEED SCIENCE, vol. 47, no. 5, 1999, pages 492-497

I. Novelty

I.1 Documents D1 and D2 disclose herbicides of the benzoylisoxazole type (D1) and the dione type (D2) and the mode of action thereof. Since none of these documents discloses the use of an antidote together with these herbicidal compounds, **the subject-matter of claims 1-19 can be considered as novel over the content of D1 and D2.**

I.2 Documents D3, D5, D6 and D8-D10 disclose herbicide-safener combinations, that is herbicidal systems containing an antidote together with the herbicidally active compound. The content of said documents anticipates the novelty of presently claimed matter as there is an overlap between the formulae given for the herbicidal compounds disclosed in said documents and formula (I) of claim 1 defining the herbicidal derivatives used according to present application and all these documents disclose the use of an antidote for the herbicides involved. This is evidenced in further details as follows.

a) The trione derivatives of D3, namely the 2-acylated 1,3-dicarbonyl-compounds of Formula (A) (see P. 3, lines 9-44), fall into the scope of formula (I) of claim 1 where the group A signifies (A-4), (A-5), (A-6), (A-7), (A-6a) or (A-7a) and Q is OH, thereby anticipating the subject-matter of claims 1, 6-8, 11 and 14-19 of present application. Moreover, the antidotes of formulae (B1) and (B2) in D3 (see P. 4. line 8 - P. 5, line 57) correspond to the compounds of formula (II) and (III) given in the description as

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a preferred class of antidotes according to present application (see P. 10, line 11 - P. 11, line 16), thereby leading to another overlap. Among the examples of antidotes disclosed in D3, the compound (B1-6) named fenchlorazole falls into the scope of claims 9 and 10 which list preferred examples of antidotes according to present application.

b) The herbicides disclosed in D5, namely the 4-benzoylisoxazole compounds of formula (I) (see col. 3, line 1 - col. 4, line 18) and the 2-cyano-1,3-dione compounds of formula (II) (see col. 6, lines 30-67) fall into the scope of formula (I) of claim 1 where the group A signifies (A-1) or (A-3), respectively, thereby anticipating the subject-matter of claims 1-5, 7, 8 and 11-19. Among the list of preferred antidotes used according to D5 (see col. 10, line 47 - col. 11, line 5), the compounds N,N-diallyl dichloroacetamide (generally known as dichlormid) (col. 10, line 52) and 4-(dichloroacetyl)-3,4-dihydro-3-methyl-2H-1,4-benzoxazine (generally known as benoxacor) (col. 10, lines 54-55) fall into the scope of claim 9.

c) The tank-mixtures disclosed in D6 contain isoxaflutole (RP-201772) as a herbicide and benoxacor (CGA-154281) or furilazole (MON-13900) as antidote (see abstract, P. 375). The herbicide isoxaflutole has a structure which falls into the scope of formula (I) of claim 1, wherein A = (A-1), R = H, R¹ = $c\text{-C}_3\text{H}_5$, R² = 2-SO₃Me, 4-CF₃ and z = 2, thereby anticipating the subject-matter of claims 1-3, 5, 7, 8 and 11-19. Moreover the two antidotes used fall into the scope of claim 9.

d) The compound isoxaflutole is also used as a herbicide in D8 (see formula (II), P.2, bottom), where it is used in combination with other herbicidal compounds. The use of a safener like benoxacor is also described (see P. 4, lines 13-14), thereby anticipating the subject-matter of claims 1-3, 5, 7-9 and 11-19.

e) The 2-acylated 1,3-dicarbonyl-compounds of formula (I) disclosed in D9 (see P. 5, lines 21-37), in particular the preferred compounds of formula (II) (see P. 5, line 41 - P. 6, line 17), fall into the scope of formula (I) of claim 1 where the group A signifies (A-4) or (A-7) and Q is OH, thereby anticipating the subject-matter of claims 1, 6-8 and 11-19. Among the preferred antidotes used according to D9, the compound (1), N,N-diallyl dichloroacetamide (generally known as dichlormid) (P. 18, lines 28-34), falls into the scope of claim 9.

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f) The 2-benzoyl 1,3-dicarbonyl-compounds of formula (I) disclosed in D10 (see P. 2, lines 18-45) fall into the scope of formula (I) of claim 1 where the group A signifies (A-4) and Q is OH, thereby anticipating the subject-matter of claims 1, 6-8 and 11-19. Among the examples of antidotes disclosed in D10, the compound (B8) named dimepiperate (see P. 3, line 65 - P. 4, line 9) falls into the scope of claims 9 and 10.

As a conclusion, the subject-matter of claims 1-5 and 7-19 cannot be considered as novel over the content of D5, D6 and D8. Moreover, the novelty of the subject-matter of claims 1 and 6-19 cannot be acknowledged with respect to the content of D3, D9 and D10.

I.3 Document D4 discloses 5,5-disubstituted isoxazoline derivatives and the use thereof as safeners in herbicidal compositions. There is an overlap between the compounds of formula (I) disclosed in D4 (see col. 1, line 59 - col. 5, line 20) and the antidotes of formula (II) with W = (W-4) described in the description as one class of preferred antidotes according to present application (see P. 10, line 11 - P. 11, line 16). For instance, compound 18 of D4 (see Table 1, col. 18-19), namely 5,5-diphenyl-2-isoxazoline-3-carboxylic acid, falls within the scope of claim 9. Moreover, the safeners of D4 are used in combination with various types of herbicides, as for example compounds of class (H) (see col. 14, lines 3-8) which fall into the scope of formula (I) of claim 1 where the group A signifies (A-4) and Q is OH. **Hence, the subject-matter of claims 1, 6-9, 11 and 14-19 cannot be considered as novel over D4.**

I.4 Document D7 discloses compounds used as antidotes in herbicidal compositions. There is an overlap between formula (I) defining said compounds (see P. 1, line 5 - P. 3, line 5) and formula (VI) given in the description to define one class of preferred antidotes according to present application (see P. 14, line 27 - P. 16, line 11). Nevertheless none of the examples disclosed in D7 falls within the scope of claim 9 or 10.

However, the safeners of D7 are used in combination with various types of herbicides, as for example compound (VII) named isoxaflutole (see P. 34, 4th paragraph, and P. 39, top) which falls into the scope of formula (I) of claim 1 wherein

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A = (A-1), R = H, R¹ = c-C₃H₅, R² = 2-SO₃Me, 4-CF₃ and z = 2. **As a consequence, the subject-matter of claims 1-3, 5, 7, 8 and 11-19 cannot be considered as novel over D7.**

- I.5 Documents D11-D15, as published after the date of priority upon which the claimed application as filed is based to claim a priority right (08.09.99), are not prior art under Rule 64.1 PCT.

Nevertheless, the validity of the priority right claimed by present application as filed could not be checked by the IPEA for the time being, due to the unavailability of complete priority documents. Therefore, the question whether the content of said documents could be regarded as prior art under Art. 54(2) EPC, in the regional European Proceedings to come, will only be examined upon provision of complete documents to permit a proper investigation as to the validity of said priority rights.

- I.6 As a conclusion, claims 1-19 do not meet the requirements of Art. 33(2) PCT.

Should the present application enter the regional European phase, the Applicant would be requested to reformulate the claimed matter in order to render it novel with respect to documents D1-D10. This could only be achieved by clearly delimiting the scope of presently claimed matter from the compositions disclosed in said documents, i.e. by restricting it to such an extent that there remains no overlapping matter between the application and the prior art.

II. Inventive step

At present the question of inventive step concerning presently claimed matter can not be assessed, since the subject-matter of present application has not been considered as novel.

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Should the Applicant provide, upon entry in the regional European phase, a new set of claims which would fulfil the novelty criteria defined in Art. 54 EPC, in accordance with the requirements of Art. 123(2) EPC, he would also be invited to furnish an appropriate argumentation or technical evidence to show that the novel compositions and methods provide an advantage or surprising feature when they are compared to the prior art compositions and methods in the above mentioned documents.

Re Item VII

1. Upon entering the regional European phase, the documents D3-D10 should be quoted and briefly discussed in the description, to satisfy the requirements of Rule 27(1b) EPC.
2. Whilst carrying out any amendment or correction upon entry into the regional European phase, care should be taken that the requirements of Art. 123(2) EPC are not transgressed.

Re Item VIII

Should the present application enter the regional European phase, the following objection concerning clarity would have to be dealt with.

1. Claim 4 lacks clarity as a whole (Art. 6 PCT). It is not clear which "substituted phenyl ring" is referred to and in which position the grouping depicted in said claim is attached thereto. A clarification is requested.
For instance, if, as it appears to be the case, said grouping represents a preferred embodiment of the group A defined in claim 1, claim 4 should be reformulated in such a way that this becomes clear and reference should only be made to claim 1, but not to claim 2 or 3 which concern other preferred embodiments of the claimed method.

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Applicant's or agent's file reference PH 99052G2	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/EP 00/ 09339	International filing date (day/month/year) 08/09/2000	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 08/09/1999
Applicant AVENTIS CROPSCIENCE UK LIMITED et al.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

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1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

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6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

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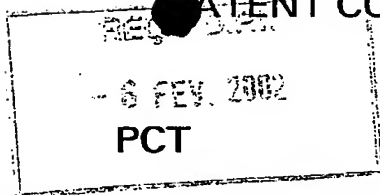
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